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Roger Inglis, 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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## Cover Photo Details

On this issue's cover we have Ian Mangion (left) during his game against Steven Leverich played during the *Hamilton 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Quads* held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Ian was able to prevail with the white pieces during this hard-fought, third round encounter.

# Upcoming Tournaments Throughout New Jersey

## Jan 31 ~ Westfield Quads

3 RR game/45 full k. Westfield Y, 220 Clark Street, Westfield, N.J. Prizes: \$50 to first in each section. Entrance fee: \$20, \$15 members. Registration: 2-2:15 p.m. Rounds: 2:30-4:20-6:10 p.m. Info: Todd Lunna 732-946-7379.  
[www.westfieldchessclub.com](http://www.westfieldchessclub.com).

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

February 13 - 15

Ruby Anniversary!

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

6SS, 40/2, SD/1. Parsippany Hilton, 1 Hilton Ct., Parsippany, NJ. 07054. Chess Rate valid until 1/16. Reserve early 973-267-7373 or 1- 800-HILTONS. Morris/Essex train to Morris Plains 1.5 miles. Open to 4- player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings-2009 Annual Rating list) must be under 2200. EF: \$145 postmarked by 2/5/10. Scholastic teams College and below \$140 per team, ALL-\$180 after or at door.-all teams, any changes at site \$25 charge. Check out official website [www.njscf.org](http://www.njscf.org). Prizes: 1-5th Place teams, plaque and 4 digital clocks; Top Team (Denis Barry Award) U2100, 2000, 1900, 1800, 1700, 1600, 1500, 1400, 1300, 1200, 1000 each plaque and 4 Digital Clocks; Top college team (same school) 4 Digital Clocks & plaque; 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, each plaque & 4 Digital Clocks to top team; Company Team (same employer) Old Timers Trophy (all players over 65), Family (4 family members), State teams-CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY (Benjamin Award), PA, VA, NC, RI, OH, Canada, each plaque top team; team traveling longest distance-entry refunded. Best Player 1-4 and top alternate, All 6-0 scores each Digital clock. Biggest Individual upset each round Engraved Cross pen; Entry fee refunded to team with Best "Chess related" name, Sunday night- Best "Chess Related costumes or gimmick-gourmet dinner for four. Reg.: 9-12 Sat 2/13. Rds.: 1-7:30, 11-6, 9-3:30. Special Events!! Surprises and special give-aways each round. Sunday night-Bughouse \$20 per team. Cash prizes. HR: Parsippany Hilton, chess rates expire 1/16/2010. Rates \$119 (up to 4 in room) 2nd hotel now attached to Hilton also up to 4 in room \$117 per night-Hampton Inn--includes breakfast for 4 each day. For help forming teams and more information contact [esdoyle@aol.com](mailto:esdoyle@aol.com): Chks payable to NJSCF, mail by 2/05 to: E.Steven Doyle, 17 Stonehenge Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. (Include Team name, Captain, players full names, USCF Expiration, ID numbers and ratings in board order). Include SASE for confirmation if wanted, No registered or certified mail accepted. NS, NC, W.

## Feb 21 ~ Westfield Quads

Same event as Jan. 31. See Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> event for details.

## Feb 28 ~ Westfield Quads

Same event as Jan. 31. See Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> event for details.

## Feb 28 ~ NJ Junior-High School Championships

A State Championship Event! 5SS, G/30. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. 5SS, G/30. Section: JHS (K-9). More Trophies! ALL: Trophies to top=2 015 individuals, top 5 teams. Rds.: 10am then ASAP. Top 4 scores constitute team score. EF: \$30 before 2/20, \$50 at site. USCF memb. req'd. EF includes 1 year memb. to NJSCF for NJ state residents. Reg.: 8-9:00 am. After 9:00 am, half-point bye for round one. INFO: 732-259-3881, [hsprechman@characterkings.org](mailto:hsprechman@characterkings.org). ENTRY: Aaron Kiedes, 4 Seymour Terrace, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Entries must include name, grade, school, date of birth, USCF ID #, & expiration date, mailing address, phone number & entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

## Feb 28 ~ NJ State-Elementary Championships

A State Championship Event! 5SS, G/30. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life

Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 5 minutes from Garden State Parkway exit 109. 2 Sections: Elementary (K-6) & Primary (K-3). All: Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams. Elementary & Primary: Top 5 in each grade. Rds.: 10am then ASAP. Top 4 scores constitute the team score for Elementary; top 3 for Primary. EF: \$30 before 2/21, \$50 at site. USCF memb. req'd. EF includes 1 year Atlantic Chess News for NJ state residents. Reg.: 8-9:00am After 9:00am 1/2 point bye for round 1. Info: 732 259-3881, Ent: Aaron Kiedes, 4 Seymour Terrace, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Entries must include name, grade & school, date of birth, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF.

## Mar 6~7 ~ NJ High School Championships

A State Championship Event! 5SS, G/90. Rutgers University - Rutgers Student Center, 126 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Call (732) 445-6127 for directions. 3 sections: Varsity Championship (9-12): 5 player teams with one alternate allowed. Coaches set order by player strength. Order must not be changed. Team avg. based on top 5 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top three players, boards 1-5. Rds.: Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-2. EF: \$150/team before 2/27. \$185/team at site. \$5 per change on site. Junior Varsity (9-12): 4 player teams with one alternate allowed. Team avg. based on top 4 highest ratings. Trophies to top 10 NJ teams. Trophies for top 3 players, boards 1-4. Rds.: Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-2. EF: \$120/team before 2/27, \$150/team on site. \$5 per change on site. Booster (K-12): Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams, top 2 JHS, & top 2 elementary (K-6). Rds.: Sat. 10-2-6, Sun 10-2. Top 4 scores constitute team score. EF: \$30 before 2/27, \$37 at site. All: USCF memb. required. EF includes 1 year membership to NJSCF for NJ residents. Reg.: Sat. 8-9:00am. After 9:00am, 1/2 Point bye for round one. Info: 973-794-4601. ENT: Make checks payable to NJSCF and send to Roger Inglis, 49A Mara Rd., Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034. Entries must include, name, grade & school, date of birth, USCF ID# & exp. date, mailing address, email address, phone number and entry fee. WCL JGP.

## Mar 20~21 ~First Only NJ State Championship

A State Championship Event! (Only for NJ Players and Past NJ Champs.) Dean of Chess Academy, 3150 US Rt. 22, Branchburg, NJ. In 3-Sections: G\$\$2800. Only NJ Masters-Experts section: 4SS, TC: 40/2hrs, SD/60. G\$\$: \$500-300-200-100. Top Expert \$100. Only one Sat half point bye. Rds. Sat. 10am- 4:30pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. Only NJ Class A-B section: (Only for 1600-1999) \$300-200-100. Top Class B \$100. Only NJ Class C section: (Only U1600) \$300-200-100. Top Class D, E, & F \$100 each. Lower Sections: 5SS, TC: G/100. Only 2 byes in rounds 1-4. Rds.: Sat: 10-2-6, Sun: 11-3. Trophies: Top 3 each section, Top Expert, Class B, D, E, F & Unrated, Senior age 65. & K-8. (Only rated players win cash) Early EF: Only Master-Exp: \$70, Other sections \$65 if by 3/15. Past NJ Champs EF is \$35 if early, but \$80 at site: Please join online at [entryfeesrus.com](http://entryfeesrus.com). On site EF: Master-Exp \$80, Lower sections \$75. Cash only at site. Reg.: 3/20, 8am-9:45am. Hotel Sierra is nearby and a great deal. Hotel Rates \$89/free Breakfast. (908) 704-2191. The playing hall accommodates Only 100 players, so the only the first 100 EF's received will play. Ent: Ken Thomas, 115 West Moore Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840-2233. Make checks payable to NJSCF. For info contact Ken, acn@ [goes.com](http://goes.com) or (908)763-6468. Players and spectators cell phones & ear covering are restricted. FIDE, NS, NC, W. WCL JGP.

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

## All the King's Men Chess Club

All the King's Men Chess Shop  
62 S. Broadway  
Pitman, NJ 08071  
Contact: *Stephen A. Dick*  
Website: [YourChessSet.com/ChessClub](http://YourChessSet.com/ChessClub)  
Email: [cs@ATKMchessSets.com](mailto:cs@ATKMchessSets.com)  
Club Phone: 856-582-8222  
Meets: **Tuesdays 11:00am – 3:00pm,**  
**Sundays 1:00pm – 5:00pm**  
**Thursdays 7:00pm – 11:00pm**

## Battle Of The Minds Chess Club

Pemberton Community Library  
16 Broadway, Browns Mills 08015  
Contact: *Ramnarine Mahadeo*  
609-724-4582  
Email: [rmahadeo@comcast.net](mailto:rmahadeo@comcast.net)  
Meets Most **Sundays 2:00pm – 5:00pm**  
(Recommend Calling First Before Going!)

## Branchburg Chess League

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

## Chessnuts at the Evesham

**Library**  
Homeschooled Children Only (Free Club)  
Evesham Library  
984 Tuckerton Rd, Marlton  
Meets **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month**  
**1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Sept - May)**  
Contact: Tammy Kolo or Nate Kolo –  
Email: [tkolo@hotmail.com](mailto:tkolo@hotmail.com)  
<http://sites.google.com/site/chessnutschess/>

## Chessnuts at the Mount Laurel

**Library**  
Open to Adults & Children (Free Club)  
100 Walt Whitman Avenue, Mt. Laurel  
Meets **On Select Fridays 5:30PM – 7:30PM**  
See Website For Calendar  
<http://sites.google.com/site/chessnutschess/>  
Contact: Tammy Kolo or Nate Kolo –  
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Website: [www.bergenchessmates.com](http://www.bergenchessmates.com)  
Meets **Mondays 7:00pm – 11:00pm**

## Elmwood Park Chess Club

Elmwood Park Municipal Building  
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**

## Greater Somerset County Chess Club

40 Pike Run Road  
Belle Mead 08502  
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Website: [www.gscchessclub.org](http://www.gscchessclub.org)  
Email: [pksivakumar@yahoo.com](mailto:pksivakumar@yahoo.com)  
Meets **Sundays 1:00pm – 5:00pm**  
(Recommend Calling First Before Going!)

## Hackettstown Chess Club

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

## Hamilton Chess Club

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Groveville 08620  
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Website: [www.hamiltonchessclub.com](http://www.hamiltonchessclub.com)  
Meets **Wednesdays 7:30pm – 10:30pm**

## International Chess Academy ~Fair Lawn

14-25 Plaza Road North, Suite S-2-1,  
Fair Lawn 07410  
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Contact: *Diana Tulman 201-287-0250*  
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Chess Classes **Tuesdays 6:30pm – 9:00pm**  
Chess Classes **Thursdays 6:30pm – 9:00pm**  
Chess Classes **Saturdays 10:00am – 1:00pm**

## International Chess Academy ~ Teaneck

185 Court Street, Teaneck 07666  
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Email: [Diana@icanj.net](mailto:Diana@icanj.net)  
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Chess Classes **Wednesdays 6:30pm – 9:00pm**  
Chess Classes **Sundays 10:00am – 4:00pm**  
Tournaments **Mondays 7:30pm – 9:30pm**

## Jose Raul Capablanca Chess Club & Academy

6018 Hudson Avenue  
West New York 07093  
Contact: *Atilio Rodriguez 201-926-3680*  
Email: [atiliorodriguez@yahoo.com.mx](mailto:atiliorodriguez@yahoo.com.mx)  
Meets **Saturdays 1:30pm – 5:00pm**  
**Free Scholastic Instruction Available!**

## Kenilworth Chess Club

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

## Livingston Recreation & Parks

Contact: Thomas McKenna  
19 North Ridge Road, Livingston 07039  
Meets **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Of Month (Summer Only) 6:00PM – 8:00PM**

## Mays Landing-Adult Chess Club

**Now Forming** – For Information,  
Contact: David Jungblut  
Email: [djungblut@geh.nj.k12us.com](mailto:djungblut@geh.nj.k12us.com)  
Mays Landing Area

## Mays Landing P.A.J. Chess Club **\*\* New Info.\*\***

William Davies Middle School Library  
1876 Dr. Dennis Foreman Drive  
Mays Landing 08330  
Website: [www.htpal.org/chess.htm](http://www.htpal.org/chess.htm)  
(For Students K-8 Only)  
Meets **Wednesdays 7:00pm**

## Mendham Chess Club

Garabrant Center  
4 Wilson Street  
(1/8 Mile North Of Traffic Light From  
Black Horse Inn)  
Mendham 07945  
Contact: *Lucy Monahan 973-543-2610*  
Email: [McMon4@msn.com](mailto:McMon4@msn.com)  
Meets **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Of Month (Summer Only) 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

## Metuchen Chess Club

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

## Mizpah~Haddon-Hts. Lodge #191 Community Chess Club

Mizpah-Haddon Heights Lodge #191  
511 Station Avenue  
Haddon Heights 08035  
Contact: *Christopher Orapello*  
Email: [chrisorapello@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisorapello@yahoo.com)  
[http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/M-HH\\_CCC/](http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/M-HH_CCC/)  
Meets **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Each Month 7:00PM**

## Monmouth Chess School & Club

YMCA (next to the diner)  
51 Monmouth Street, Red Bank 07701  
Contact: *Dr. Michael Koblentz*  
732-219-0916 / 732-614-0738  
Email: [learnchess@optonline.net](mailto:learnchess@optonline.net)  
Website: [www.monmouthchess.com](http://www.monmouthchess.com)  
Meets **Sundays 12:00pm – 6:00pm**

## Monmouth County Chess Club

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

## Morris County Chess Club

Honeywell Corporate Headquarters  
Columbia 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.kidschesscamp.com](http://www.kidschesscamp.com)  
Meets **Fridays 6:30pm – 9:00pm**  
*July – August on Weekdays 9:00am – 5pm*



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your chess club listed for free!

# Chess Clubs Throughout New Jersey (continued) / Chess Ads

## Northfield & Ventnor Chess Club

Ventnor Library  
6500 Atlantic Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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!)

Mention Code: ACN10 For 10% Off All Purchases!

## All the King's Men

Games ~ Gifts ~ Chess  
62 S.-Broadway ~ Pitman, NJ 08071~1429  
856~582~8222

## Oakcrest High School Chess Club

Oakcrest High School  
1824 Dr. Dennis Foreman Drive  
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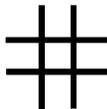
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## Games From Around The State by Steve Ferrero



We have some games from the *Hamilton 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month Quads*, *36<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Open* from Washington D.C., *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rausch Memorial* from Allentown, PA, *Ken's Last Sunday Quads* run by TD Ken Thomas at the *Dean of Chess Academy* in Branchburg, and also some games from the *Dean of Chess Wednesday / Friday League*. While I owe a debt of gratitude to longtime game contributors, Louis Sturniolo and Steve Jesseph, for steadily providing us with copies of their scoresheets month after month, it would be appreciated if others would follow in their footsteps and send in some of their better played games to share with our readership. IM Dean J. Ippolito graciously shares some of his sharper battles from the recent *36<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Open* held in Washington DC just after Christmas which can be found in his column in this issue.

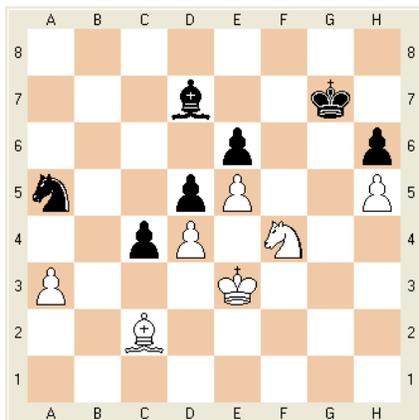
### Gregory J. Beaumont (1660)

### Roger E. Pedersen (1972)

8ss *Suffern Bishops of October*, Airmont, NY, Rd. 6, Nov. 11, 2009, ECO C05

### French Defense – Tarrasch - Closed Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 Qb4 12.O-O Qxd2 13.Nxd2 Nb4 14.Bb1 b6 15.a3 Nc6 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Rac1 Rc8 18.Rc3 O-O 19.Rfc1 f6 20.Bb5 Ndb8 21.f4 fxe5 22.fxe5 a6 23.Ba4 Ne7 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Rxc8+ Bxc8 26.b4 Nf5 27.Kf2 b5 28.Bc2 g6 29.g4 Ne7 30.h4 Nec6 31.Nf3 Nd7 32.h5 gxh5 33.gxh5 h6 34.Nd2 Nb6 35.Ke3 a5 36.bxa5 Nxa5 37.Bd3 Nbc4+ 38.Nxc4 bxc4 39.Bc2 Bd7 40.Nf4 Kf7 41.Bg6+ Kg7 42.Bc2



42...Nb3 43.Bxb3 cxb3 44.Kd2 Kf7 45.Kc3 Ba4 46.Nd3 Ke7 47.Nc5 Be8 48.Kxb3 Bxh5 49.a4 Be2 50.Kc3 h5 51.Kd2 Bc4 52.a5 Bb5 53.a6 Bc6 54.Ke3 Kf7 55.Kf4 h4 56.Nb7 Ke7 57.Nc5 **And Black Resigned In A Few More Moves**

Here's my round 4 game from the *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rausch Memorial Tournament* which was held in Allentown, PA and run by TD Bruce R. Davis Sr. Since nobody submitted any games from this spectacular event, I'll share my 4<sup>th</sup> round win as well as my 3<sup>rd</sup> round loss with our readers. This is an annual memorial event run at no cost at all to the participants due to the generosity of

Michael K. Cox who picks up the cost of the event including the very respectable cash prizes awarded at the event's conclusion. The tournament got underway at a bit past 7PM on New Year's Eve and after eight grueling rounds of G/30, finally concluded during the early morning on New Year's at 5:15AM!

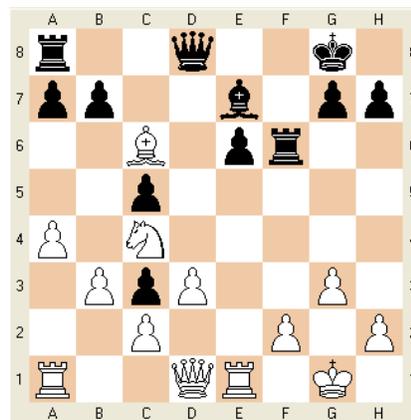
### Steve Ferrero (2037)

### Ronald L. Rausch (1951)

8ss *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rausch Memorial*, Allentown, PA, G/30, Rd. 4, Dec. 31, 2009, ECO A06

### Réti Opening (by transposition)

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 d5 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 O-O 6.O-O c5 7.d3 Bd7 8.a4 Bc6 9.Ne5 d4 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.Nd2 Nd5 12.Nc4 f5 13.e4 fxe4 14.Bxe4 Rf6 15.Re1 Nc3 16.Bxc3 dxc3 17.Bxc6



17...Qd4 18.Bg2 Rxf2 19.Kh1 Raf8 20.Re2 Bg5 21.Qe1 Bd2 22.Qd1 e5 23.Rxe5 Rvg2 24.Kxg2 Qf2+ 25.Kh1 b5 26.axb5 Qf7 27.Qe2 Qb7+ 28.Kg1 Qd7 29.Rf1 Qd4+ 30.Kg2 Rxf1 31.Re8+ **Mate in 3** Kf7 32.Qe6 **Checkmate**

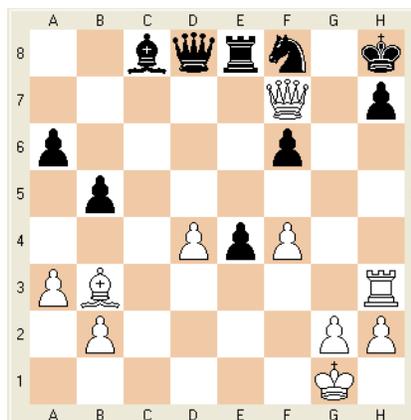
### Gregory Matthew Nolan (2137)

### Steve Ferrero (2037)

8ss *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rausch Memorial*, Allentown, PA, G/30, Rd. 3, Dec. 31, 2009, ECO E46

### Nimzo-Indian Defense – Rubinstein Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 O-O 5.Ne2 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 c6 8.Bd3 Re8 9.f4 Nbd7 10.O-O c5 11.Rf3 b6 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Rh3 Nf8 14.Qf3 Rb8 15.cxd5 cxd4 16.exd4 exd5 17.Be1 Ne4 18.Bh4 f6 19.Qh5 Rc8 20.Bc2 a6 21.Rc1 b5 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Bb3+ Kh8 24.Rxc8 Bxc8 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Qf7

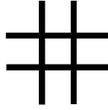
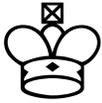


26...Be6 27.Bxe6 Qxd4+ 28.Kf1 Qd1+ 29.Kf2 Qd2+ 30.Kg3 Qe1+ 31.Kg4 Qe2+ 32.Kf5 Qxg2 33.Rxh7+ Nxh7 34.Qxe8+ Nf8 35.Qxf8+ Kh7 36.Qf7+ Qg7 37.Qxg7+ Kxg7 38.Kxe4 Kg6 39.Bg4 **Black Resigns**

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## Thoughts on Improving

by David Grasso



Raising the level of my play has consumed countless hours of study since the age of seventeen, when I first discovered that one could actually hope to get better at this game through a systematic mastery of certain skills and principles. In those twenty-two years since my first *Somerset Quad*, I have succeeded in my primary goal of making the top quad, and should take some pride and comfort in that. I simply cannot, however, overlook the reality that all but three to five of those years were misspent. Not in one fell swoop, mind you. What I mean to say, is that at best twenty percent of my study bore fruit. The rest of my time was spent *enjoying* chess.

Believing myself to be relatively intelligent and hard-working, I could never fathom why it should take me twenty plus years to achieve a solid master rating, especially when children do it all the time? Now I can arrive at no other conclusion...I simply didn't know how to study chess efficiently. But I think I've figured out a few things, and for those of you still hoping to improve (and who isn't?), I sincerely offer the following advice in the hopes of saving someone a good deal of time and frustration.

1. NEVER read an opening book until you're AT LEAST 1900, and then only sparingly. The hours and energy spent will give you a few decent positions, most of which you'll fritter away in an advantageous middlegame you can't navigate. Most players waste their time this way in particular.

2. Stop buying books. How many times have you bought a book, believing it was the missing ingredient, the key to your taking the next step? Well, you're still there, right? Right...stop buying books. Chances are you've already got more than you need. How many Russian GMs grew up with ten books or less?

3. Don't drift when studying. This is the single step to which I attribute the bulk of my improvement. Do you find yourself as many as 10 moves away from the position at hand, shuffling pieces around as if everything you've just done was forced...and then notice that something was in the lurch all the while? Yes, me too. Stop it. NO TOUCH. Follow the notes in your head and follow your *own* ideas in your head. You'll see quick results.

4. Don't just study what you like. Know what I like? Winning. That obscure gambit you adore is probably obscure for a reason. And no matter what anyone says, mating with bishop and knight should not be on top of your to-do list. Raise the overall level of your play. Here's how...

5. Read the champions. Alekhine, Botvinnik, Fischer...heard of these guys? They wrote pretty good books too, especially Alekhine. His book of collected games (with the green cover from Dover) costs fewer than fifteen dollars and has EVERYTHING you need to take you from beginner to master. By studying these games you will build a sound understanding of the opening, middlegame, and endgame. Avoid more modern players for now. Their games are usually analyzed at too high a level; Alekhine gives one and two move variations just when you're saying, "*Why not...ohhh.*" Thanks, Alexander.

6. Tactics, Tactics, Tactics. It's all we ever do at the board, so why does it make up so little of some people's study time? If possible, study tactics in grouped themes such as knight forks, diagonals, etc. Devote at least half of your study time to tactical training, solving diagrammed positions without moving the pieces, and you will see drastic improvements. Tactical puzzles are everywhere and you can't solve too many. Never pass one by.

7. Endings, Endings, Endings. What good is being able to see the win of a pawn at the end of an exchanging maneuver if you can't assess the resulting endgame. Improve your endgame play and you will calculate better, steering more games into wins. Moreover, you will be amazed

at the increased affinity you'll have for each piece. Exchanging will take on a whole new meaning. As far as books go, *Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual* is the best I've seen. Some will say that it is too advanced, and it is at times, but his exposition of simple ideas and ability to simplify previously complex ones is unparalleled. The whole chess world can't be wrong; this book is quite probably the best instructional chess book ever written.

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8. Position. I remember thinking that the gap between me and those guys with a 2 in front of their rating was due to their understanding of positional chess and my complete ignorance of what positional even meant. After 22 years of chess, I can synopsise positional play as the art of not making really bad moves. What constitutes a really bad move? Well, if you're reading the green book I recommended in part 5, then Alekhine will tell you. *Pachman's Modern Chess Strategy* is superb too. The basics of so-called positional play do not take long to master. Once you've got the ideas (and you probably have most of them already), understand that the real trick is knowing what kind of moves are weakening, not making them, and *forcing* your opponent to do so. Once again, see the green book. If you think I'm rating this book too highly, I defy you to find a classic text which doesn't quote several examples from it.

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9. And finally some good general advice:

a. Stay in your seat, and don't go looking at other people's games while yours is still in progress. You're not good enough to give simulcs yet.

b. It ain't over 'til it's over. While you're calculating what your new rating will be, your opponent is trying to swindle you. Stay focused and don't help him.

c. Never respond automatically, even in openings you know. It's not blitz and you're not that good. Unless of course you enjoy that sinking feeling you get when you realize you've given away the game.

d. Trust yourself. You're all you've got. I've lost ten games through lack of confidence for every one lost through overconfidence. The excuse of "*I saw it but...*" still gets a round shape next to your name on the wallchart. We're all impressed that you saw it...but...

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As for that well-spent three to five years of study, it consisted mainly of Alekhine, Dvoretsky, Smyslov, Levenfish, Pachman, and Fischer. There are other good books of course, but these worked for me. Thank you, fellas. And as for everyone who ever sold me a book including the words "*winning with*", "*how to*", "*beating*", "*secrets*", "*surprises*", or "*traps*" ...shame on you. I'll never forgive you.



Photo provided courtesy of Chakra & Sudha Palakollu 2009 World Youth Championship held in Antalya, Turkey during November 11-23. We can see the young and talented Samritha Palakollu elated to receive her trophy. Samritha captured the 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Silver) in the Under 8 year old category.

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# Defeating a Grandmaster

by David A. Cole



1998 will always be one of the greatest years that I absolutely enjoyed. My youngest brother, Ken got married, I relocated back to the St. Louis area to take on a mortgage assignment where I was a contractor. Every 3 weekends, my company would fly me back to New Jersey to spend time with family, or, they would fly me to wherever I wanted to go. I can remember a couple of other contractors asking me if I would like to go to Vegas and do some gambling. My reply to them was that I believe in another form of gambling, and I got to see some places that I normally would have never seen. I took a weekend to Omaha, Nebraska, and spent Memorial Day Weekend in Oklahoma City. I then travelled to Denver in early July, and played in the *Denver Open*, and a few weeks later, I went up to Green Bay, Wisconsin and won the *1998 Green Bay Open*. In mid August, I went down to New Orleans and competed in the *Paul Morphy Open*, and, of course, on the weekend of September 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, I was in Sioux Falls. In October, I visited the twin cities area, and the last weekend of October, I could be seen in Albuquerque competing in the *New Mexico Open*. Two weeks after New Mexico, I went to Kings Island outside of Cincinnati. Between Christmas and New Year's I went to our nation's capital to compete, and became an uncle for the first time. Also, I happen to be a big baseball fan, and got to enjoy that summer seeing Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa hitting all of those home runs.

To me, I never thought I would actually defeat a Grandmaster in a tournament game but that all changed the night of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1998. Who would know three years later, that the U.S. would ever see another kind of attack? I guess the thoughts are parallel.

Let me set the scene. Grandmaster Ivanov was busy on the 11<sup>th</sup> giving two simultaneous exhibitions at two Sioux Falls' area high schools where he played against 100 students. My Grandmaster friend, Sergey Kudrin, was supposed to give one of the exhibitions, but he had to cancel at the last minute, due to the Northwest Airlines pilots being on strike, and Sergey not being able to arrange alternate flights. During that previous weekend, Sergey was in Alaska giving seminars, and he had to fly all the way across the country to Boston, where both Sergey and Alexander were living at that time. Sergey had apprised me of some of his problems, and I had suggested that Sergey should fly on TWA to St. Louis, and that I would meet him there, and we would fly to Sioux Falls together. Since Sergey got back to Boston on September 9<sup>th</sup>, he felt that he needed another day to rest so his plan was to fly on September 11<sup>th</sup> to Sioux Falls instead. Unfortunately, there were no flights available, and this forced Sergey to cancel his trip to Sioux Falls, necessitating Grandmaster Ivanov to cover Sergey's simul

as well. By the time Grandmaster Ivanov got to play me that night, he was understandably tired. Without further ado, here is the game:

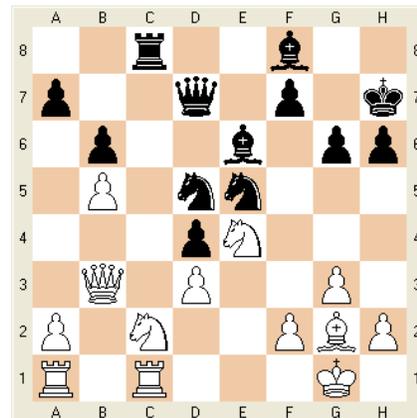
## David A. Cole (2117)

### GM Alexander Ivanov (2592)

1998 Governor's Cup, Sioux Falls, SD, Rd. 1, Sep. 11, 1998, ECO A21

#### English Opening

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.g3 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.Bg2 Ne7 6.O-O O-O 7.d3 h6 8.Ne1 c6 9.Bd2 Be6 10.Qc1 Kh7 11.Nc2 d5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.e3 Nbc6 14.b4 d4 15.exd4 exd4 16.Ne4 b6 17.b5 Ne5 18.Qa3 Rc8 19.Rfc1 Qd7 20.Bb4 Nd5 21.Bxf8 Bxf8 22.Qb3



22...Rc3?? 23.Qxd5!! Bxd5 24.Nf6+ Kg7 25.Nxd7 Nxd3 26.Bxd5 Nxc1 27.Rxc1 Bd6 28.Kf1 d3 29.Ke1 dxc2 30.Be4 f5 31.Rxc2 Bb4 32.Rxc3 Bxc3+ 33.Ke2 fxe4 34.Ke3 Kf7 35.Kxe4 Ke6 36.Nb8 Kd6 37.Nc6 a6 38.Ne7!! axb5 39.Nxg6 b4 40.f4 Kc5 41.Ne5 b5 42.f5 h5 43.h3 Ba1 44.g4 hxg4 45.hxg4 Kd6 46.Nd3 Bc3 47.g5 Ke7 48.Nf4 Kf7 49.Nd5 Be1 50.g6+ Kg7 51.Ke5 Bc3+ 52.Ke6 Bd2 53.Nc7 Bc3 54.Nxb5 Bd2 55.Nd6 Bc3 56.Ne8+ **Black Resigns**

Annotations: 18.Qa3 was my only move in this position as a double threat of Nxd3 and f5 trapping the knight was threatened.

22... Ivanov spend only 10 seconds when he played Rc3, as he thought he would try something cute. Of course the d5 knight guards the fork on f6, and thus white's reply "removes the guard". After playing Qxd5, Ivanov spent an hour contemplating his mistake. During that hour, I went to the concession stand to get a soda, and there were two players standing on the line in front of me talking about the grandmaster games that were going on. One player said to the other, "GM Ivanov is in big trouble", to which his friend stated, "I don't believe it, GM Ivanov is going down". I then tapped one of the guys on his shoulder, and stated, "I believe it".

28. and 29. Black's only chance for counterplay is his dangerous passed d-pawn. By bringing the king close to black's counterplay, is very instructive as this manouver cuts down black's chances in the position.

38. The knockout punch as the deflection theme is there. Of course, not 38...Kxe7? because 39.bxa6 and the pawn queens. What is beautiful about this move is that white's a-pawn holds back the 2 black pawns, while white forces the action with getting a 3 on 1 majority on the kingside.

Of course the white a-pawn never moves and is away from black's dark squared bishop, and the black king cannot come all the way to eliminate the white a-pawn.

After GM Ivanov resigned, he immediately lambasted the organizer of the event complaining that due to the fact that he had to give 2 exhibitions that day, he was too tired to compete, and that they did not try hard enough to get GM Kudrin to South Dakota. The organizer stated that maybe it was their fault for not trying as hard as they should have, but one person went way beyond the call of duty in trying to get Sergey to South Dakota. Alexander replied, "Oh really, who is the person that tried to get Sergey to South Dakota, I would like to meet him"? The organizer stated, and she had her hand over her mouth, because she was laughing so hard, "The person that just beat you"!

As luck would have it, if GM Sergey Kudrin could have made that event in South Dakota, I would have been paired against him in Round 1. I would later show Sergey the game, and after we were done analyzing it, I then stated to Sergey, "This could have been you"! Sergey looked up at me, and stated "You're right".

I did win the top upset prize for Round 1 of the *South Dakota Governor's Cup Championship*, and I promptly donated half of the prize to the *Spencer, South Dakota Tornado Relief Fund*. When I won money in Oklahoma City earlier that year, I donated the winnings to the *Oklahoma City Survivors Fund*. I have always believed that chess and charity go hand in hand, and regardless of my finances, I believe in parting my winnings to those less fortunate. Spencer, South Dakota is a small farming community which is about 100 miles west of Sioux Falls, and in June of 1998 an F4 twister knocked out the whole town. As I stated back then, and I state this today, I wish that more chess players would donate their winnings to charity as it is not about the money, but about being a good person. Given the present state of the economy, it is very hard out there, so I guess I really can't blame chess players for not donating their winnings to worthwhile causes.

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1	LEV ZILBERMINTZ 12476202 / R: 2016 ->2023 Q: 1956 ->1961	2.0	W	2D	3 *	D 4
2	ANDRE E HARDING 12670285 / R: 2029 ->2026 Q: 1847 ->1855	1.5	*	W	3 L	1D 4
3	MAURICIO CAMEJO 12616543 / R: 2006 ->2005 Q: 1938 ->1935	1.5	L	2 *	D	1W 4
4	DARRIAN ROBINSON 12925651 / R: 1938 ->1934 Q: 1905 ->1895	1.0	D	2 L	3D	1 *

### Westfield G/45 Quads – Quad#4 Westfield, NJ – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	ALEXANDER ILMYTSKY 14240027 / R: 1977 ->2007 Q: 1844 ->1895	2.5	D	3W	2 *	W 4
2	MICHAEL AMORI 12562336 / R: 1973 ->1983 Q: 1899 ->1909	2.0	W	3 *	L	1W 4
3	TIMOTHY J HALL 11016090 / R: 2000 ->2000 Q: 1858 ->1863	1.5	*	L	2D	1W 4
4	GUIDO KAMPEL 13467673 / R: 1948 ->1922 Q: 1986P19->1916P22	0.0	L	3 L	2 L	1 *

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Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	YAACOV NOROWITZ 12566496 / R: 2456 ->2463 Q: 2402 ->2408	3.0	*	W	4W	2W 3
2	ARTHUR SHEN 12875350 / R: 2129 ->2136 Q: 2068 ->2073	1.5	L	1D	4 *	W 3
3	ARTHUR MACASPAC 12644605 / R: 2122 ->2121 Q: 2038 ->2036	1.0	L	1W	4 L	2 *
4	MARK D KERNIGHAN 12147190 / R: 2200 ->2200 Q: 2042 ->2032	0.5	L	1 *	D	2 L 3

### Westfield G/45 Quads – Quad#5 Westfield, NJ – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	LEONID M FLEYSHER 12742766 / R: 1913 ->1942 Q: 1807 ->1841	2.5	W	4W	3D	2 *
2	RAMON GARCIA 12652254 / R: 1889 ->1905 Q: 1777 ->1798	2.0	W	4D	3 *	D 1
3	ARI MINKOV 12676135 / R: 1958 ->1954 Q: 1833 ->1830	1.5	W	4 *	D	2 L 1
4	SAMUIL CHATSKY 12911708 / R: 1917 ->1888 Q: 1812 ->1778	0.0	*	L	3 L	2 L 1

## Relocating a Chess Center by Dawn Ippolito



Ever move? Ever move everything you own in about two hours? Trust me - it's not a pretty sight. Everything gets thrown in boxes and into cars as if there is a prize for who can jam more things into a tight space than the other in the shortest amount of time possible. Then, when you get to your new destination, everyone throws all those things onto the floor and leaves you in complete and utter chaos to sort it all out by yourself. No amount of cajoling and or beer can get your family and friends to stay to help get everything into place. Trying to find something in the jumble could literally bring you to tears. Well, that is as close a description to describe our recent move as I could get without angering those who unselfishly helped the *Dean of Chess Academy* embark on the trek to our new location.

For those of you not familiar with us, International Master Dean Ippolito and I own and operate a growing chess center in Branchburg, NJ. In October, we moved our entire inventory of chess products, books, 100 chess sets, tables, chairs, and a mountain of other chess stuff that one accumulates to a much larger center across town. But moving here was quite the adventure. To begin with, Dean had classes running until 2pm so we couldn't get the move underway until classes concluded. And then let's not neglect to mention the torrential rains that were about to come down upon us on none other than the afternoon of the move! With a caravan of cars, trucks, and minivans, we accomplished the near impossible. Everything arrived in perfect condition, and, though it took us days to organize, we could not have done it without our stellar team. However, this move has made me consider living in our current house forever! If moving a business could be so chaotic and cumbersome, how much more unpleasant could moving a household be?

But being the optimists that we are, we made the move across town and haven't looked back. Our new center is bright, airy, busy, and everything we had hoped it would be. We are now located in a retail center with shops, restaurants, and near a major grocery store. You just can't beat the convenience!

So, to introduce ourselves to the neighborhood, we held a Grand Opening during the weekend of November 21-22. We advertised on *NJ101.5 FM*, in the newspaper, and Dean even did a live interview on *News 12 New Jersey*. Senator Christopher Bateman performed a ribbon cutting ceremony and kicked off a weekend that saw over 400 people cross our threshold. Imagine that - four hundred people being introduced, or re-introduced to chess in New Jersey. We conversed with grandparents reminiscing about how their parents taught them the royal game and

sitting down with their grandchildren to carry on the tradition. If I heard it once, I heard it a million times, "I haven't played chess in 15, 20, 30 years, but now I want to play again." What a great feeling it gave both Dean and I to see and hear families reconnecting over a chessboard and beginning new traditions. And for the children - the *Somerset Patriot's* mascot *Sparkee* came by and played on our giant chessboard. We also had our very own Chess King mascot handout balloons and candy but Sparkee won everyone's heart with big bear hugs for his opponents. People popped in to see what the commotion was about and ended up staying for hours.

We consider our move a great success. We have almost tripled our space, tripled the numbers of our students, and league membership is now nearing 300! On any given Wednesday or Friday evening, our regular players arrive and some new faces too. Our sign encourages people to stop at our storefront and peer in. We witness the ritual daily. They look up, read the sign, and start to laugh. But in the end, their curiosity usually gets the better of them and in they come. Chess is like a magnet drawing in those who once loved the game and those who want to see what is so enticing about this mysterious game.

Now, our plans are to continue to promote chess in New Jersey. Through our classes, tournaments, and exhibitions, as well as our Wednesday and Friday League Nights, we hope that we outgrow this current location as we did the other. But if we do, I am hiring someone else to make the move!

### Chess for Veterans

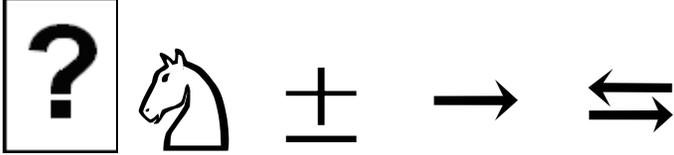
The *NJSCF* has decided to provide chess equipment to the Veterans in the various hospitals in NJ. We are asking the chess players to assist us in this project by either donating a computer chess game set that you no longer use, but is in good condition, or make a donation. (not tax deductible).

Anyone wishing to donate a chess computer game should contact Herman Drenth at: 201-797-9043 or [hermaril@aol.com](mailto:hermaril@aol.com). Financial donations may be sent to our Treasurer, **Ken Thomas** made out to the *NJSCF*, **115 West Moore Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840**. Please signify "*Veterans Fund*" on the check. Thank You.

### Ken's Last Sunday Quads – Section#1 Branchburg, NJ – November 29<sup>th</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1 NJ	DEAN J IPPOLITO 12445752 / R: 2512 ->2517	3.0	*   X	4   W	2   W	3
2 NJ	BORIS PRIVMAN 12407354 / R: 2200 ->2207	1.5	L   1   W	4   *	D	3
3 NJ	JAMES R WEST 10044812 / R: 2200 ->2200	1.5	L   1   X	4   D	2   *	
4 NJ	STEPHEN E STOVKO 10050227 / R: 2263 ->2253	0.0	F   1   *	L	2   F	3

## The Game of Kings by Walter Adenau



Josh studied the board carefully as he calculated his next move. To advance his bishop at this time would be foolish. His queen was more or less blocked by the surrounding pieces. The only thing that made sense was to take his uncle's pawn. Josh cautiously picked up his rook and carried out his plan.

Uncle William removed his left hand from under his chin. He picked up his own queen and advanced three squares, capturing Josh's rook.

*"You know, there are a lot of lessons in the game of chess, Josh"* he said with a half-subdued smile. *"You won't win by simply reacting to your opponent's last move. You have to think at least three moves ahead."*

Josh clenched his jaw and lowered his eyebrows. *"I don't even like chess"* he grumbled. *"I don't want to play anymore."*

*"You can't just give up, Josh. That's part of the game, too."*

Josh took a deep breath and looked around. This was his fourth day in this unwelcoming, sterile room, and his third visit this year. Unfortunately, a stay in the hospital was all too familiar for him.

The doctors tried their best to conquer his elusive disease, but it was a long and drawn out battle. They poked him with needles, drew samples of blood, and gave him medicine to improve his health. Instead of making him feel better, though, the medicine just drained his energy and enthusiasm.

Josh pushed down on the mattress underneath him with both arms. He raised his upper body and shifted back in the bed. His legs were twisted up in the white bed sheets. The plastic wristband on his arm felt like a handcuff that shackled him to the rail that ran alongside the bed.

He looked over at the wheeled table. The lid on his food tray still covered whatever was served a few hours ago. He hadn't bothered to check what was underneath. Josh longed for his mother's lasagna and garlic bread.

The hospital gowns, the beeping of the strange machines that surrounded him, the constant flow of a half dozen doctors and nurses in and out of the room - it was all part of the routine.

He tried to refocus on the game. Josh thought more cautiously about what his next move would be. He tried to set a trap for his uncle. By moving a pawn, he anticipated that he could capture his uncle's queen on the next move. Once again, he moved his chess piece.

Uncle William saw the move and grinned. *"Uh huh"* he chuckled. *"Trying to get to my queen I see. Not a bad move!"* He then countered by springing a trap of his own.

*"Check!"* he called out. *"I'm going to get your king and end the game if you don't think of some way to stop me."*

Josh was angry and insulted that his own uncle was beating him so badly. Didn't he have any pity for a sick child? Trapped - both on the chessboard and in this stupid hospital.

Why couldn't he be like a normal kid? Why couldn't he go to a regular school and play on a soccer team? Why did he have to spend so much of his life lying in a hospital bed? What did he do to deserve such a miserable life?

Josh was sick and tired of being sick and tired. This was all too much for him. In disgust, he grabbed the head of his king and tipped it over. His uncle's face went blank.

*"You do know what that means, don't you?"* asked Uncle William.

Josh knew exactly what it meant. He forfeited the match and he didn't care. He was tired of playing a game that he just couldn't win. Josh looked down and fidgeted with his fingers.

After a few moments, Uncle William calmly said, *"Okay. I've got an idea."* He stood the fallen king upright and spun the board around. *"You can play my pieces and I'll play yours"* he announced.

With a gleam in his eyes, Josh sprang up and once again adjusted his position on the bed. He knew that victory was now within his reach.

*"It's my turn, since it actually was your turn before"* his uncle pointed out. He then moved the king out of check.

Josh thought long and hard before his next move. Then his uncle went. Then Josh went and so forth.

On the very next move, Uncle William announced, *"Checkmate. I've won the game."*

Josh was shocked once again. How could his uncle have won?

*"You see, Josh? You gave up before because you thought you had no chance of winning. But I just proved to you could have won. Even when your situation seems grim and it looks like you just can't win, there's always a chance that you can!"*

Josh was torn. He lost the game, twice in fact, but somehow that didn't matter. He thought about his uncle's words. Why *did* he allow himself to give up so easily?

He pulled the wheeled table closer to the bed. After staring at the tray for a while, Josh reached over and took a sip of the now room temperature soup. Then he nibbled on a few crackers.

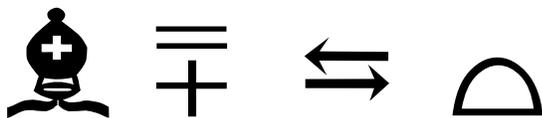
Slowly, Josh picked up all of the pieces and reset the board. *"Let's play again, Uncle William"* he insisted.

The two continued playing chess at lunchtime over the next few days. Josh lost every match, although he was able to take some of his uncle's valuable pieces. He could feel himself getting stronger in the game.

He was getting stronger physically, too. His appetite increased day by day, and so did his desire to beat his terrible disease. No matter what, he decided, he would not give up. His hospital stay was no longer some kind of punishment. Josh knew now that this was his own personal challenge. And once he conquered this illness, he could overcome any other obstacle that stood before him. He couldn't wait to win!

## Chess Etiquette

by Lou Sturniolo



The modern world has seen a decline in the civilities that characterized prior eras. In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, the French Queen, Marie Antoinette, apologized to her executioner for accidentally stepping on his foot as she approached the guillotine. A good start in adopting the civil manners of old European royalty may be to keep the following precepts in mind when we play the royal game.

- If pairings are delayed and posted just before the starting time of the round, do not start your opponent's clock until your opponent has had ample time to check the pairings and come to the board. In a crowded tournament, it may take several minutes to check the pairings, and being at the back of the crowd should not be cause for disadvantage. In all other circumstances (pairings posted well before start of round), the clock should be started at the appointed starting time, or when the Tournament Director (TD) indicates that the clocks should be started.

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- Try to arrive on time, even if you are certain you can be down on the clock and still trounce your opponent. Showing up late is discourteous; you are letting your opponent know you regard him as a mentally duller member of the species, *homo sapiens*, who will be easily vanquished even with your substantial time disadvantage.
- If you are late, apologize for being late. It is rude to arrive late and subsequently act in a nonchalant manner, obviously signaling to your opponent you are so superior that your tardiness will not endanger the inevitable victory you will enjoy. It is especially important you exhibit contriteness for a late arrival if you are so much stronger than your opponent *that your tardiness really will not endanger your inevitable victory.*
- Shake hands with your opponent and wish him/her "Good Luck" prior to the start of play.

- If your opponent forgets to hit his clock, you may discreetly gesture or otherwise remind him, but have no obligation to do so.
- Regardless of how poorly your opponent plays, or how inevitable the outcome of the game, do not overtly show unconcern. I have seen players walk around the room with a disinterested composure. Such players make plain for all to see their boredom with the current game, and absolute lack of concern with respect to the possibility of an adverse outcome. This evidences contempt towards the opponent, and is inexcusable. In contrast, New England master John Curdo would always project a serious demeanor, even in his most lopsided victories against weak opponents. This had the corollary result that generations of New England amateurs were pleased to see the gracious, many-time Massachusetts Champion do well.
- Poor manners are exhibited by walking over to the board during a game only intermittently to make a move (as if playing a simul), and spending most of the game away from the board. Such players wish to let all know they are so superior to their opponent that the outcome of the game is not in doubt. While one does not have to dawdle over one's moves to spare the feelings of the opponent, most of the game should be spent at the board.
- When you win a game, offer to review it with your opponent, especially if your opponent is lower rated than you. If you defeated someone with a much higher rating, try to judge your opponent's emotions. He may not feel like analyzing his loss.
- If your opponent played poorly do not offer false praise. You can graciously offer encouragement no matter how poorly he played during the post game analysis.
- Graciously declining a draw can be difficult. While often unintentional, declining the offer can often come across as a smug or contemptuous gesture. Perhaps say "Oh, let's play it out" or "I learn more by playing games out!"
- If you offer a draw and your opponent declines, let some time go by before offering another draw. While it is your business if you wish to let your opponent know you are not playing for a win, rules would dictate that you may not annoy or pester your opponent with frequent draw offers. By custom in many clubs the next draw offer should come from your opponent.
- When you do lose, no matter how painful the loss, shake hands with and congratulate your opponent. Try to smile. NEVER say you played poorly, but always tell your opponent how well he/she played and let your opponent know (unless obviously insincere) that he/she defeated you at your best. Saying how poorly you played is not being modest; it is being rude and boorish. In the rare instance when you believe your opponent acted in a discourteous manner towards you, still offer a handshake.
- Stay quiet in the playing area! Regardless of rating, all players have a right not to be distracted by excessive noise when they play.
- Whether a spectator or player, do not "hang" too closely over the boards of games other than your own. This may annoy or distract the players. A good rule of thumb is to stand at least 4 feet or two seats away from the board you are observing.
- Try to absolutely minimize arguments or complaints with the tournament Director (TD). They assure the integrity of

chess events, are competent the vast majority of the time, and work for modest fees (or even nothing). They often organize the events they run, and local tourneys would not be available without them. If you feel you must disagree with the TD, be civil in your manner. The rare instances of particularly egregious conduct by a TD (total incompetence, favoritism, or dishonesty) can be reported to the USCF.

- If you are a parent, you certainly want to see your child do well. But you should also set a good example for sportsmanship. You must explain to your child that we support the decision of the officials even though we may not always agree with them. Don't act like soccer or *Little League* parents who argue with umpires and set a terrible example. Aside from considerations of sportsmanship, keep in mind players in tourneys (including children) have no advocates other than themselves.
- Parents need not constantly hover at the board to watch their child play. This is taking a recreational game to a far too serious level. You may also make your child or the opponent nervous. Quite frankly, it also looks ridiculous.

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- A player resigns when he or she believes the game is so hopeless that playing on is futile. With one exception, it is **never** unsportsmanlike not to resign. A player may continue the (seemingly) hopeless battle for any real or imagined reason; one thinks he/she still have a chance, the opponent has a tendency to blunder, one wants to see the winning technique exhibited. The only instance when not resigning is truly poor sportsmanship is when the losing player has abandoned all hope, but plays on merely to spite his opponent and/or exhibit contempt towards the opponent.
- One should NEVER suggest to one's opponent that resignation is in order. Doing so is among the most unsportsmanlike acts possible. If you feel insulted that your opponent played on in a hopeless position, that is just too bad.
- Similarly, if your opponent declines a draw in a clearly drawn position, NEVER argue with him/her that the draw offer should be accepted. Claim the draw when the opponent has insufficient material to mate.
- In days of yore players facing a forced mate sometimes played out the position to allow their opponent the satisfaction of seeing their successful mating attack consummated. Such magnanimous gestures are rare or non-existent in the modern World. The last well known instance was Donald Byrne allowing Bobby Fischer to play out his mating attack in the "Game of the Century" now over half a century ago. In fact, today some players would view such a gesture as poor sportsmanship; a gracious resignation acknowledges your opponent's triumph, while "playing it out" may seem petty.

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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: 2013 ->2028	3.0	W	5 W	3 W	2
2	DONNALLY MILLER NJ   12544721 / R: 1778 ->1784	2.0	W	7 W	5 L	1
3	RICHARD K NAPOLI NJ   10046084 / R: 2000 ->2000	1.0	W	6 L	1 U	
4	KENNETH THOMAS NJ   10058511 / R: 1711 ->1717	1.0	U	U	W	7
5	MICHAEL V POLITO NJ   10069394 / R: 1600 ->1601	1.0	L	1 L	2 W	6
6	ERIC Y LU GA   13226237 / R: 1484 ->1487	1.0	L	3 W	7 L	5
7	JAMES LUXICH NJ   13351547 / R: 1492 ->1461	0.0	L	2 L	6 L	4

**Ken's Last Sunday Quads – Section#3  
 Branchburg, NJ – November 29<sup>th</sup>**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	LEON WU NJ   13853867 / R: 1425 ->1517	3.0	W	3 W	4 *	W	2
2	PATRICK J MAZZILLO NJ   10049776 / R: 1351 ->1373	1.5	D	3 W	4 L	1 *	
3	YUVIK N UMAPATHY NJ   12962172 / R: 1481 ->1456	1.0	*	D	4 L	1 D	2
4	MATTHEW WANG NJ   13808635 / R: 1432 ->1398	0.5	D	3 *	L	1 L	2

**Ken's Last Sunday Quads – Section#4  
 Branchburg, NJ – November 29<sup>th</sup>**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	BERNARD ZHANG NJ   14075165 / R: 1331 ->1372	3.0	*	W	2 W	3 W	4
2	STAN RYDZ NJ   12673653 / R: 1139 ->1180	2.0	L	1 *	W	3 W	4
3	REGGIE LUO NJ   13558291 / R: 1159 ->1139	1.0	L	1 L	2 *	W	4
4	JAYSON T THOMPSON NJ   13748085 / R: 1015 -> 978	0.0	L	1 L	2 L	3 *	

**Ken's Last Sunday Quads – 7-Player Swiss Section#5  
 Branchburg, NJ – November 29<sup>th</sup>**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
1	DEAN MASSARI NY   13697223 / R: 886 -> 891 Q: 849 -> 874	3.5	W	3 D	4 W	6 W	2		
2	JULIA T THOMPSON NJ   13776685 / R: 631 -> 685 Q: 605 -> 679	3.0	W	5 W	7 W	4 L	1		
3	DEINIOL MCGOVERN NJ   14225785 / R: 583P17-> 602P21 Q: 724P17-> 723P21	3.0	L	1 W	5 W	7 W	6		
4	TARAN IDNANI NJ   14220903 / R: 623 -> 620 Q: 625 -> 624	2.5	W	6 D	1 L	2 B	YE		
5	ROSHAN IDNANI NJ   14220898 / R: 456 -> 430 Q: 456 -> 445	2.0	L	2 L	3 B	YE W	7		
6	MERIEL MCGOVERN NJ   14225791 / R: 124P18-> 123P21 Q: 283P20-> 266P23	1.0	L	4 B	YE L	1 L	3		
7	LORCAN MCGOVERN NJ   14225805 / R: 120P18-> 121P21 Q: 287P20-> 254P23	1.0	B	YE L	2 L	3 L	5		

Westfield G/45 Quads – Quad#1  
Westfield, NJ – November 1<sup>st</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	<u>DAVID GRASSO</u> NJ 12515121 / R: 2263 ->2264 Q: 2129 ->2135	2.0	L	2 W	3 W	4
2	<u>JOSHUA COLAS</u> NY 13242201 / R: 2093 ->2112 Q: 2028 ->2046	2.0	W	1 D	4 D	3
3	<u>GREGORY MATTHEW NOLAN</u> PA 10158419 / R: 2155 ->2157 Q: 2175 ->2168	1.5	W	4 L	1 D	2
4	<u>MARK D KERNIGHAN</u> NJ 12147190 / R: 2200 ->2200 Q: 2063 ->2050	0.5	L	3 D	2 L	1

Westfield G/45 Quads – Quad#4  
Westfield, NJ – November 1<sup>st</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	<u>LUIS ANTILUS</u> NJ 12602356 / R: 1639 ->1693 Q: 1521 ->1592	2.5	W	3 W	2 D	4
2	<u>ALICE DONG</u> NJ 13398051 / R: 1720 ->1727 Q: 1689 ->1687	2.0	W	4 L	1 W	3
3	<u>DANIEL ZHU</u> NJ 13927283 / R: 1717 ->1698 Q: 1573 ->1559	1.0	L	1 W	4 L	2
4	<u>GUY COLAS</u> NY 12566278 / R: 1610 ->1600 Q: 1520 ->1499	0.5	L	2 L	3 D	1

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Westfield G/45 Quads – Quad#5  
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Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	<u>CHRIS M FARMER</u> PA 12686129 / R: 1608 ->1632 Q: 1643 ->1642	2.5	W	4 D	2 W	3
2	<u>DIEGO ROLDAN</u> NJ 13656182 / R: 1530 ->1532 Q: 1419 ->1417	1.5	W	3 D	1 L	4
3	<u>GUY RAWLINS</u> NY 12961650 / R: 1568 ->1548 Q: 1363 ->1353	1.0	L	2 W	4 L	1
4	<u>YUVIK N UMAPATHY</u> NJ 12962172 / R: 1449 ->1448 Q: 1239 ->1254	1.0	L	1 L	3 W	2

Westfield G/45 Quads – Quad#2  
Westfield, NJ – November 1<sup>st</sup>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	<u>DARRIAN ROBINSON</u> NY 12925651 / R: 1950 ->1984 Q: 1851 ->1896	2.5	W	2 W	4 D	3
2	<u>MAURICIO CAMEJO</u> NJ 12616543 / R: 2033 ->2038 Q: 1953 ->1959	2.0	L	1 W	3 W	4
3	<u>LEONID M FLEYSHER</u> NJ 12742766 / R: 1950 ->1945 Q: 1851 ->1847	1.0	D	4 L	2 D	1
4	<u>LEV ZILBERMINTZ</u> NJ 12476202 / R: 2029 ->2009 Q: 1981 ->1956	0.5	D	3 L	1 L	2

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2	<u>BHARATH JALADI</u> NJ 13742221 / R: 1435 ->1447 Q: 1359 ->1375	2.0	W	3 W	4 L	1
3	<u>TEVIN ROUSE</u> NJ 13739301 / R: 1376 ->1383 Q: 1308 ->1314	1.5	L	2 D	1 W	4
4	<u>STEVEN KHAIS</u> NJ 12741101 / R: 1391 ->1340 Q: 1318 ->1264	0.0	L	1 L	2 L	3

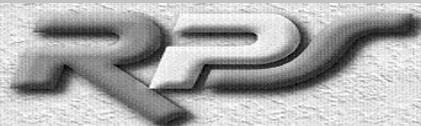
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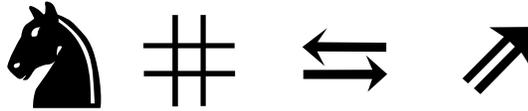
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2	<u>PAUL R JOSEPH</u> NJ 12452482 / R: 1881 ->1887 Q: 1721 ->1730	2.0	W	3 W	4 L	1
3	<u>LAMONT A ROUSE</u> NJ 12433767 / R: 1753 ->1786 Q: 1686 ->1702	2.0	L	2 W	1 W	4
4	<u>CHARLES DAI</u> NJ 13750901 / R: 1742 ->1717 Q: 1490 ->1471	0.0	L	1 L	2 L	3

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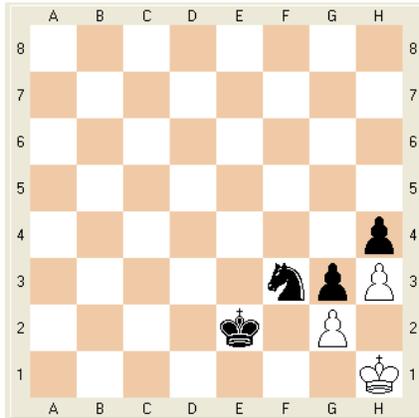


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**Corner Stalemates**  
by Life Master James R. West

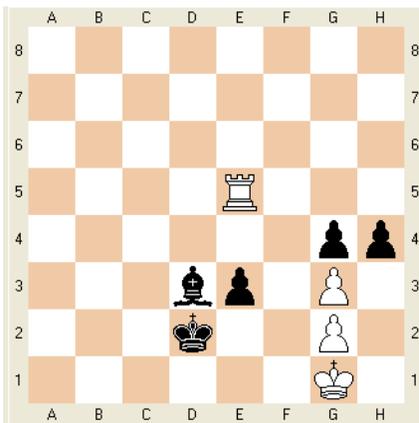


Here is the conclusion to my game as White against Noah Siegel [USCF 2294] from the *US Amateur Team East (USATE) 2005*.



Black has just played **69...Nf3**. I played my only legal move **70.gxf3** when **70...Kf2** forced my resignation.

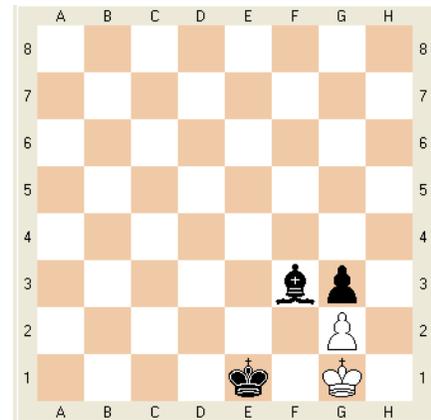
Now take a look at my game as Black against Grant Oen [USCF 1663] from the **ICA Fall 2009 Open**.



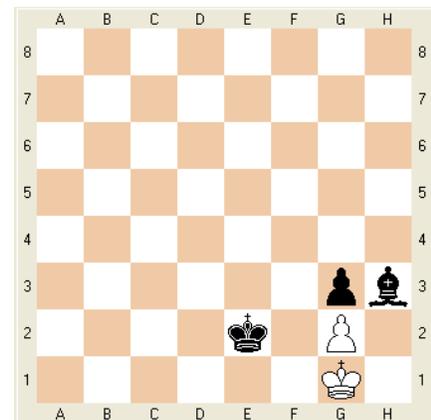
I have just played **51...h4**. The correct way for White to draw is **52.gxh4** [52.Kh2 also draws] **g3 53.h5 e2 54.h6 e1=Q+ 55.Rxe1 Kxe1 56.h7 Bxh7**.

White made the mistake of sacrificing his rook too soon by **52.Rxe3 Kxe3 53.gxh4** when **53...Ke2** should win for Black. Instead my **53...g3** threw away the victory.

Eventually we reached these positions, after **63...Bf3** and **67...Bh3** respectively.



Position after 63...Bf3, Oen - West, *ICA Fall 2009 Open*



Position after 67...Bh3, Oen - West, *ICA Fall 2009 Open*

Unlike the position with the black knight on **f3**, White is not obligated to capture the bishop on **f3** or **h3** because the **g1** square is still available to his king.

I was fortunate that my opponent overstepped the time limit a few moves later.

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1	<u>SANMESHKUMAR UDHAYAKUMAR</u>	2.0	L	3 W	2 W	4
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	Q: 1274 ->1294					
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2	<u>LEON WU</u>	1.5	D	4 L	1 W	3
NJ	13853867 / R: 1376 ->1375					
	Q: 1369 ->1347					
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3	<u>SASHA ROMAYEV</u>	1.5	W	1 D	4 L	2
NJ	13757800 / R: 1355 ->1359					
	Q: 1162 ->1194					
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4	<u>SAMUEL E LEWIS</u>	1.0	D	2 D	3 L	1
NJ	12855409 / R: 1379 ->1359					
	Q: 1208 ->1198					

Westfield G/45 Quads – Quad#8  
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1	<u>SASHA PRYSTUPA</u> NJ 13634820 / R: 1340 ->1367 Q: 1289 ->1300	2.5	D	2 W	3 W	4
2	<u>VAED KHURJEKAR</u> NJ 13028547 / R: 1178 ->1201 Q: 1123 ->1129	1.5	D	1 L	4 W	3
3	<u>ALEX J SCHWARTZBERG</u> NJ 13092612 / R: 1217 ->1204 Q: 1149 ->1126	1.0	W	4 L	1 L	2
4	<u>KOTESWARA RAO JALADI</u> NJ 13753043 / R: 1269P16->1245P19 Q: 1028P13->1034P16	1.0	L	3 W	2 L	1

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1	<u>VARUN MAHESHWARI</u> NJ 13924978 / R: 972 ->1062 Q: 934 ->1036	2.5	D	6 W	5 W	3		
2	<u>ARVIND CHANDAKA</u> NJ 13951681 / R: 873 -> 967 Q: 870 -> 952	2.0	W	4 L	3 W	6		
3	<u>MARK SCHWARTZBERG</u> NJ 14221728 / R: 818P17-> 946P20 Q: 758P17-> 903P20	2.0	W	5 W	2 L	1		
4	<u>JUNLIN YI</u> NJ 13842392 / R: 1048 ->1009 Q: 968 -> 943	1.0	L	2 W	6 L	5		
5	<u>JOSE F GARCIA</u> NJ 12845745 / R: 1042P7 -> 992P10 Q: 998P11-> 961P14	1.0	L	3 L	1 W	4		
6	<u>ERIC L WEI</u> NJ 14241455 / R: 1188P5 ->1026P8 Q: 1243P5 ->1046P8	0.5	D	1 L	4 L	2		

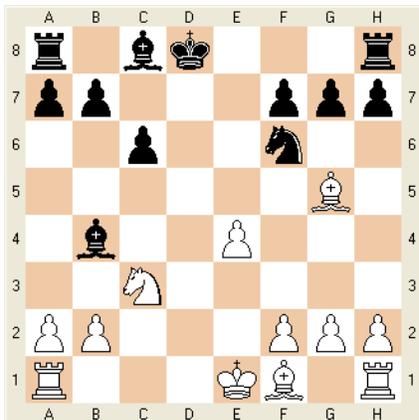
**Anthony Norris (1820)**

**Steve Jesseph (1807)**

Hamilton 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month Quads, Hamilton, Rd. 2, TL 40/80, 15/30, Nov. 21, 2009, ECO B22

**Sicilian Defense – Alapin Variation**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Bg5



10...h6 11.Bxf6+ gxf6 12.O-O-O+ Ke7 13.Bd3 Rg8 14.g3 Bg4 15.Rd2 Rad8 16.h3 Be6 17.a3 Bc5 18.Re1 Bxf2 19.Ree2 Bxg3 20.Kc2 Bf4 21.Rd1 Bxh3 22.Rh1 Bg4 23.Rf2 Be3 24.Rff1 h5 25.Re1 Bf4 26.Ne2 Be5 27.b4 Rg5

28.Re1 Bxe2 29.Bxe2 Rg2 30.Re1 Bg3 31.Rhg1 Rxg1 32.Rxg1 h4 33.Bg4 Rd4 34.Bf5 Kd6 35.Kc3 Ke5 36.Rf1 Rd8 37.a4 Bf4 38.Rf2 Bg5 39.b5 c5 40.a5 b6 41.axb6 axb6 42.Ra2 Kf4 43.Ra6 Rd6 44.Ra7 Kg3 45.Bd7 h3 46.Bc6 h2 47.Ra1 Be3 48.Rh1 Bg1 49.Kc4 Re6 50.e5 fxe5 51.Kd5 e4 52.Bd7 Kg2 53.Rxh2+ Kxh2 54.Bxe6 fxe6+ 55.Kxe4 Bd4 **White Resigns**

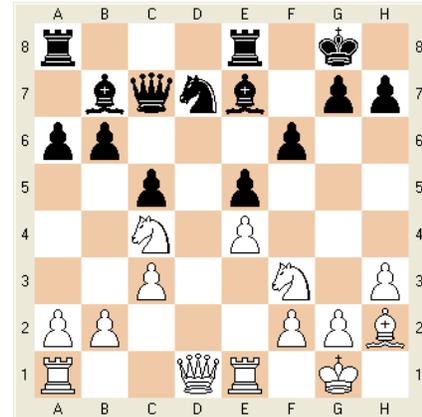
**George Leonard (1820)**

**Steve Jesseph (1807)**

Hamilton 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month Quads, Hamilton, Rd. 3, TL 40/80, 15/30, Nov. 21, 2009, ECO A45

**Trompowsky Attack**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 b6 5.Nf3 Bb7 6.Bd3 Be7 7.h3 O-O 8.O-O d6 9.Bh2 Nbd7 10.Re1 Qc7 11.Nbd2 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.e4 Rfe8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.Nc4 f6



17.Ne3 Bxe4 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.Qxd5+ Kh8 20.Rad1 Nf8 21.Bxe5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 h6 23.Nf7+ Kh7 24.Qe4+ Ng6 25.Ne5 Qxe5 26.Qxe5 Nxe5 27.Rxe5 Bf6 28.Red5 Rad8 29.c4 Rxd5 30.cxd5 Bd4 31.b4 Rd8 32.bxc5 bxc5 33.Kf1 Rxd4 34.f4 Rd6 35.g4 Rb6 36.Rd3 Rb1+ 37.Ke2 Rb2+ 38.Rd2 Rxd2+ 39.Kxd2 c4 40.Ke2 Kg6 41.Kf3 Kf6 42.Ke4 c3 43.Kd3 Ke6 44.h4 g6 45.Kc2 Kd5 46.h5 gxh5 47.gxh5 Bf6 **White Resigns**



Photo provided courtesy of Steve Ferrero  
Here we can observe some of regulars who participate at the *Hamilton 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month Quads*. This photo was taken during the November 21<sup>st</sup> quads. Larry Saxby takes a moment to pose for the camera with the white pieces while trying to fend off Preston N. Ladson.

**"Games From Around The State" Continued On Back Cover**

## Deep Game Analysis

by IM Dean J. Ippolito



Here are some of my games from the recent 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Open which took place in Washington D.C. after the Christmas holiday.

IM Bryan G. Smith and I met during a very important round. After starting 4-0, I managed to only squeeze a half point from the next two rounds. GM Alexander Ivanov, GM-elect Alex Lenderman, and IM Smith all had achieved 5/6 so I was trailing them by a ½ point. I needed a win to stay with the leaders. I knew Smith would be playing for a win as well, trying to keep up with the winner of the GM-elect Lenderman – GM Ivanov game.

### IM Dean J. Ippolito (2519)

### IM Bryan G. Smith (2541)

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Open, Washington DC, Rd. 7, TL 40/80, SD/1, Dec. 30, 2009, ECO E68

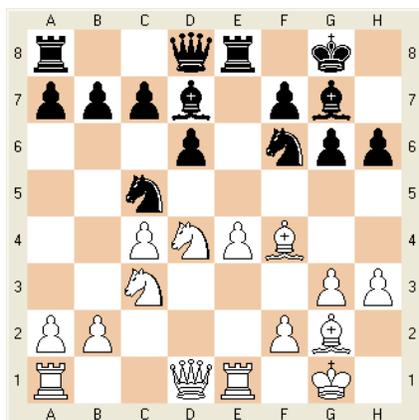
### King's Indian Defense – Fianchetto Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 O-O 5.Bg2 d6 6.O-O Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.h3 Nc5 11.Re1 Bd7 12.Bf4

This is the main move here.

12...h6

Bryan was still playing very quickly. As it turns out, he did a lecture on this setup. I haven't faced this idea in almost a decade and I couldn't recall what I had looked at. I came up with an interesting idea which hasn't been played before.



13.Kh2

The idea of this move was to fight against black's plan of playing ...Ng5. Now the h3 pawn will be defended. (13.Rb1 is the main move) (13.Rc1 loses material to g5, 14.Be3 (14.Bd2 Nd3) Nfxe4) (13.Qc2 has been played often but black is doing well here. The following game represents a serious importance for the theory of this line. I don't see how or where white can improve on Greenfeld's play here. V. Mikhalevski – ...Nfxe4! 14.Nxe4 Bxd4 when practice has shown that black is doing well.

13...a6

The move ...a5 forever stopping b4 was also possible when white's typical idea is to play Ndb5 as black can't play ...c6. His move is better because it makes it difficult for me to stop b5 without creating another weakness.

14.a4

Bryan felt this was a mistake and I really didn't want to play it. However, allowing ...b5 seemed even worse for white. (14.Rb1 Rb8 (14...b5 15.cxb5 axb5 and black obtains counterplay against the a-pawn))

14...Ne6

As Bryan pointed out after the game and I sensed during the game, he should just opt for control of the b4 square. He told me he didn't play this because he felt it would be difficult for him to convert such a position into a win. Still, I would prefer white, but I don't think black has major problems. (14...a5 15.Ndb5 (15.f3 Nh5 with counterplay) ... Bc6 and after Nfd7, black's pieces are becoming active.

15.Be3 Ng5 16.f3!

When I realized I could safely play this, I thought my position was getting much better. Bryan said he missed that I could play this here. Without this move, black will take over the initiative. For example, 16.Qc2 Qc8 17.g4 when 17...Bxg4 presents a strong sacrifice 18.hxg4 Nxg4+ 19.Kg1 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Qg4 and black certainly has his counterplay.

16...Qc8 17.h4

This seemed simplest. 17.g4 was the move that Bryan was most concerned about. I wanted to play this but I'd have to continually be on the alert for sacrifices on g4. Then, I would opt to play for Bg3 or placing a knight on g3.

17...Ne6 18.Qd2

Bryan expressed concern afterwards with my playing 18.Nd5 but I preferred to improve my position before playing this.

18...h5

During the game, I thought this was a mistake. He showed me that 18...Kh7 was no improvement as the line below indicates. I felt he needed to keep the h5 square available for his knight in order to obtain sufficient counterplay with ...Nh5 and ...Be5 later. It turns out that he is already navigating a rather difficult position here. (18...Kh7 19.Nd5 Nxd4 (19...Nc5 20.Bxh6) 20.Bxd4 Nxd5 21.cxd5 and the black c-pawn will remain a constant target.

19.a5!

Now black gets no counterplay on either side of the board.

19...Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Be6 21.Nd5 Nd7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qd4+

As Bryan pointed out after the game, there is no reason to rush this move. Perhaps posting the queen on c3 may be an improvement. 23.f4 seems stronger for White.

23...Kg8

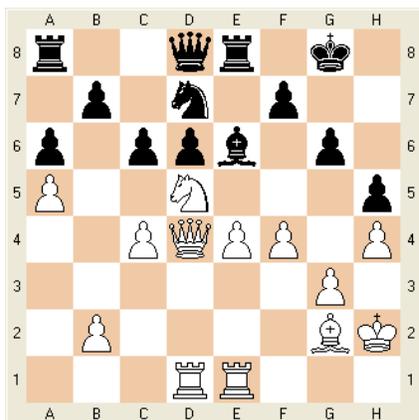
...f6 would only lead to 24.f4 and the g6 square would remain very weak.

24.f4 Qd8!

Black gets his queen back into the action.

25.Rad1 c6

...c5 26.Qc3 Bxd5 27.cxd5 (27.Rxd5 is also interesting) ...b5 was another try but white has too much space and e5 is coming very quickly. I doubt black's kingside could survive the coming assault.



26.Ne3!

If 26.Nb6 Nxb6 27.axb6 Bg4, black obtains counterplay.

26...Qxa5 27.f5 gxf5

The move order of this remains very important!

28.exf5

Not 28.b4 Qb6! (...Qxb4?, 29.exf5) with the idea of 29.exf5 Qxd4 30.Rxd4 Bxf5.

28...Bxf5 29.b4

Avoiding 29.Nxf5? Qxf5 30.Bh3 Qc2+ 31.Rd2 Ne5! which black was hoping for. I had foreseen this when playing 26.Ne3 earlier.

29...Qe5 30.Qxe5

Not 30.Nxf5? Qxf5 31.Bh3 Qc2+ 32.Rd2 Ne5!

30...Rxe5 31.Nxf5 Rxf5 32.Bh3 Rf2+ 33.Kg1 Rb2 34.Bxd7 Rxb4 35.Rxd6 Rxc4

After these exchanges, we can now take stock of the position at hand. Black has achieved three passed pawns for his missing bishop, which might seem sufficient. However, black's f7 and h5 squares are perilously weakened making it difficult for black to get his passers moving forward.

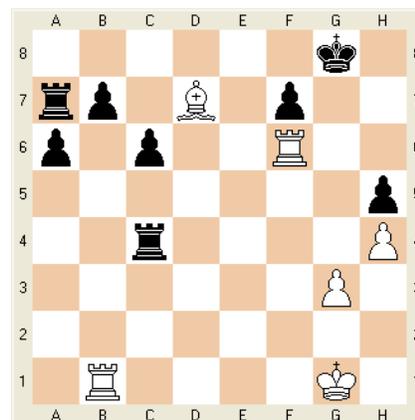
36.Rb1

Bryan pointed out that 36.Rf6! would have been even stronger.

36...Ra7

No better for Black was 36...b5 37.Bxc6 Rc8 38.Bd5 Rc1+ 39.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 40.Kf2 a5 41.Rd7 a4 42.Rxf7 Kh8 43.Ra7 wins for white. Also insufficient would be: 36...a5 37.Rxb7 a4 38.Rxc6 Rxc6 39.Bxc6 a3 40.Rb1 winning for white.

37.Rf6



37...b5

After this, black is lost. Black had to muster up more stubborn resistance and find 37...Re4! when black can return to cover e7.

38.Bxc6 Rc7 39.Bd5 Rd4 40.Rf5 Rd3 41.Kh2 Kg7 42.Rg5+ Kf8 43.Rf1 Rd7 44.Bf3 b4 45.Bxh5 b3 46.Rgf5 b2 47.Rxf7+ Kg8 48.Rf8+ Kg7 49.Rb8 Rd2+ 50.Kh3 a5 and **Black Resigns**.

Perhaps 50...Rc7 improves but after 51.Rb1 Rcc2, black's position is far from enviable.

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**Eric Rodriguez (2329)**

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**Benko / Volga Gambit**

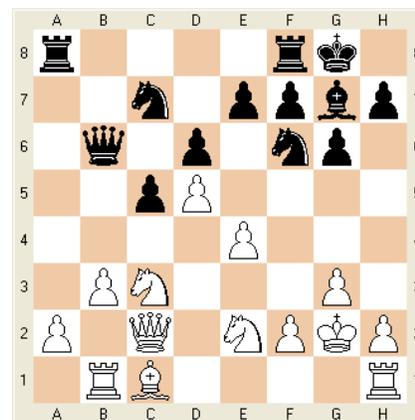
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Kg2 O-O 11.Nge2 Qb6 12.Rb1 Na6 13.b3

Playing 13.a3 might lead to: ...Rab8 14.b3 e6 15.Qd3 Nc7 ♖16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Bf4 Rbd8 18.b4 Ng4♞.

13...Nc7

Or 13...Nd7 14.Qc2± (13...Rfb8 14.f3 Nc7 15.a4 Qb7?! (better would be ...Qa6) 16.Ba3! Nd7 17.b4±

14.Qc2



The move 14.f3 is in my notes...e6!

14...Nd7

I felt that Eric had to play ...e6 here to contest the center.

15.h4 Ne5

Perhaps ...h5 may have been another try here.

16.h5 Qa6

Possibly ...f5 needed to be played here.

17.Bg5 Rfb8 18.hxg6

Another line might run: 18.Bxe7 f6 19.f4 Ng4 20.Kf3 Re8

18...hxg6 19.Qd2

If 19.Bxe7, ...f6 20.f4 Ng4 21.Kf3 Re8 22.Kxg4 (22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Kxg4 f5+) Rxe7

19...Nb5 20.Qf4 Nxc3

Perhaps ...Nd4 was possible.

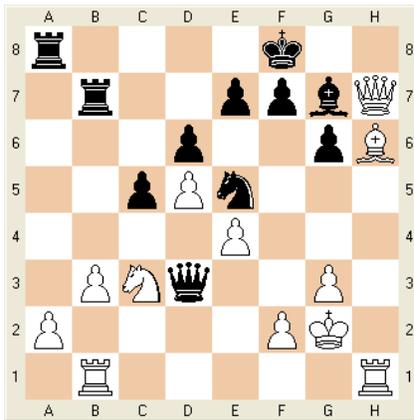
21.Nxc3 Rb7

Or ...Nd3 22.Qh4 Bxc3 23.Bxe7

22.Qh4 Qd3

Here's how some other tries might fair: (22...Kf8 23.Qh7 Ng4) (22...f6 23.Qh7+ (23.Bh6) Kf7 24.Bh6 Rg8 25.Bxg7 (25.Rbd1 c4 26.Ne2 cxb3 27.Nf4 Qc4) Rxg7 26.Qh3

23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.Bh6 **Black Resigns**



Final Position



Photo provided courtesy of Steve Ferrero

This was snapped during *Ken's Last Sunday Quads* held in Branchburg at the *Dean of Chess Academy* on Decemebe 27<sup>th</sup>. Eve D. Zhurbinskiy (top left) ponders her move against Alexander Ilnytsky. I had to faceoff with the young and rapidly improving Maryia Oreshko (top right) during this round 1 encounter where Maryia's vigorous attack on my kingside nearly broke through before she overlooked a powerful clearance sacrifice allowing my king to escape the coming m el e!



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Here's another shot from *Ken's Last Sunday Quads* Decemebe 27<sup>th</sup>. In the background, facing the camera, we have Arun Subramaniam playing who I believe to be Daniel Zhu. Meanwhile, in the foreground, we have Kavinayan P. Sivakumar (wearing hat) playing Alexander Ross Katz as Life Master James R. West (far right) observes. Anna R. Matlin who is partially obscured in this photo was playing the black pieces was fighting James R. West during this round 1 encounter.


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During *Ken's Last Sunday Quads* from Decemebe 27<sup>th</sup>, we have Eric Y. Lu with the black pieces during his round one game with Leon Wu. Leon prevailed with the white piece in a lively game. Meanwhile, Ilya Zhurbinskiy (standing) catches some of the action in the other sections. *Ken's Last Sunday Quads* drew 24 players across 6 sections and was run very smoothly by TD Ken Thomas.


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**Chess Gems**  
by Peter J. Tamburro Jr.



The *Garden State Chess League* is about to start its 2009-2010 season on October 6. Last year's standings showed the dominance of the *Kenilworth Kortchnois* with a really close fight for second place.

The final 2009 standings...

Rank	Team	W	L	D	Points
1.	Kenilworth Kortchnois	5	0	0	5.0
2.	West Orange	3	1	1	3.5
3.	Kenilworth Karpovs	3	2	0	3.0
4.	Staten Island	2	1	2	3.0
5.	Hamilton	3	2	0	3.0
6.	Summit	2	2	1	2.5
7.	Sparta	0	5	0	0

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The defending champions from the winning team are: Mark Kernighan, Yaacov Norowitz, Ari Minkov, Dr. Richard Lewis (team captain), Bill Sokolosky, David Pawlowski, Greg Tomkovich, Joe Renna and Mikhail Kruglyak.

If you, as an individual or a team, are interested in knowing more about the league, you can go to:

<http://gardenstatechessleague.blogspot.com>.

One of the games John Moldovan sent us in his press release was this instructive game by former state champ Steve Stoyko.

This is a great game for young players to go over. The master doesn't try to beat his opponent in the first ten moves. He puts his pieces on good squares to prepare for the middlegame.

Black makes a common error. He tries to play to put up a solid defense. The Gruenfeld Defense is meant to be played actively.

For example, rather than the dreary 8...b6, Black needed to make White expend a tempo by 8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nb6 10.Bd3 Be6 with dynamic play.

Black really loses the thread with his sixteenth move. His position is already not so hot; thus, desperate measures to exchange pieces by 16...Rc8 right away were in order. On move 17, Rc8 is now too late because his queen can't recapture. His best shot was 17...Ne4 18.Bb4 Qb8 19.Nc3 e6.

Stoyko's 21.Qc7 was decisive. It put the finger on everything wrong with the position. What remained was for us to watch the technique of winning a won game. Black could have resigned just about any time. Steve's sense of humor probably was at play with 40.Bb3, offering the "free" passed pawn to Black. Of course, it can't be taken, but it is a hint to his opponent that it's time to go home.

The Garden State League was quite a success last year, and we look forward to more games and an exciting race for the crown.

Stoyko (Kenilworth)—Hueckel (Staten Island), Garden State Chess League, 2009

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 c6 7.Rc1 Nbd7 8.Be2 b6? 9.0-0 Bb7 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Qb3 Rc8 12.Rfd1 Re8 13.Nb5 a6 14.Rxc8 Qxc8 15.Rc1 Qb8

16.Nc3 Qd6?! 17.Na4 Rc8? 18.Rxc8+ Bxc8 19.Bb4 Qe6  
 20.Qc2 Nb8 21.Qc7! Nc6 22.Nxb6 Nxb4 23.Qxc8+ Qxc8  
 24.Nxc8 Nxa2 25.Nxe7+ Kf8 26.Nc6 Ne8 27.Bxa6 Nd6  
 28.Kf1 f6 29.Ne1 Ke8 30.Nd3 Kd7 31.Ncb4 Nxb4 32.Nxb4  
 Ke6 33.Ke2 f5 34.Bd3 Bf6 35.Bb1 Nc4 36.Ba2 Nb6  
 37.Nd3 Na4 38.Nf4+ Kd6 39.Nxd5 Bd8 40.Bb3 Nb6  
 41.Nxb6 **Black Resigns**

International Master Dean Ippolito of Whitehouse is our New Jersey champion. The Labor Day tournament showed Dean in good form with his using his now trademark Catalan System as White to slowly, and oft times not so slowly, strangle his opponents.

His game against former NJ champ Steve Stoyko is typical of his play with this opening.

Stoyko goes with the c5 rather than d5 idea on move five. Both 5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.e4 Nb6; 5...c6 6.Nc3 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Ne5 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 e5 11.dxe5 Ng4 are known to be fairly solid.

However, Black is in a fighting mood as evidenced by the interesting 10...Ne8, which is as good as any other move in that position. It might have been even more interesting if he had combined that with 14...e6 15.Ne4 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 Qe7 17.Ng4 f6 (17...f5?? 18.Nh6#) 18.f4 b5, which is a kind of hedgehog way of doing things as Black, but is not to everyone's taste.

Ippolito is content to just build his advantage with his d5 strongpoint combined with future operations on the opened c-file. He could have chosen the more aggressive 15.f4 b5 16.Ne4 Bxb2 17.Qxb2 bxc4 18.Nxc4 where f5 would be a real threat.

Dean writes that his 16.h3 is *"deeper than it looks at first...besides the normal positional advantages of this move, it stops Ne5-g4 in some positions and prepares Ng4 when blacks queen is on d7."*

Any way you look at it, White's positional advantage is pronounced by move 20, and the cute mate at the end is the appropriate final punctuation mark to the game as it highlights everything wrong with Black's position: loss of control of the c-file, the weak dark squares and that nasty hole on e6.

After 28.Ng5+ Kf8 29.Nh7+ Kf7 30.Qf6 mate is quite picturesque. Congratulations to our new champion!

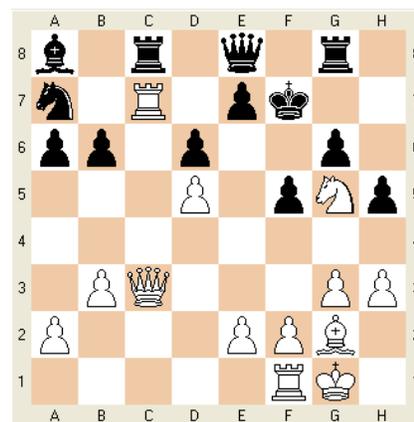
**IM Dean J. Ippolito (2532)**

**FM Stephen E. Stoyko (2230)**

6ss New Jersey Open, Somerset, Rd. 3, 50/2 SD/1, Sep. 6, 2009, ECO E60

**King's Indian Defense – Fianchetto Variation w/o Nc3**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d4 c5 6.0-0 cxd4  
 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Nc2 b6 [8...d6] 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.b3 Ne8!?  
 11.Qd2 d6 12.Bb2 Rb8 13.Rad1 a6! 14.Ne3! Nc7  
 15.Rc1 Ba8 16.h3! Qd7 17.Ncd5 Nxd5?! 18.cxd5 Na7  
 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rc4 f5 21.Nc2! Rfc8 22.Rh4 h5 23.Nd4  
 Rh8 24.Ne6+ Kf7 25.Rc4 Qe8 26.Qc3 Rg8 27.Rc7 Rc8  
 28.Ng5+ **Black Resigns**



Final Position

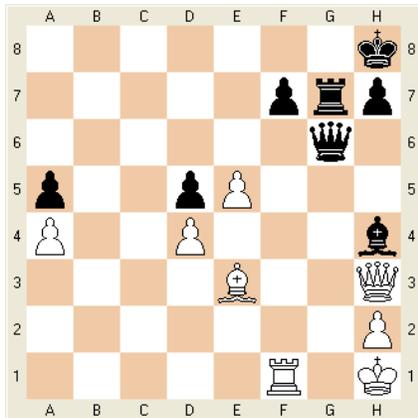


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 During Ken's Last Sunday Quads from December 27<sup>th</sup>, we can see several very young along with some .....uhhh....perhaps not so young winners who played for trophy during quads! The new Dean of Chess Academy provided a nice venue for the quads where restaurants and other eaterie abound all within walking distance from the playing site.

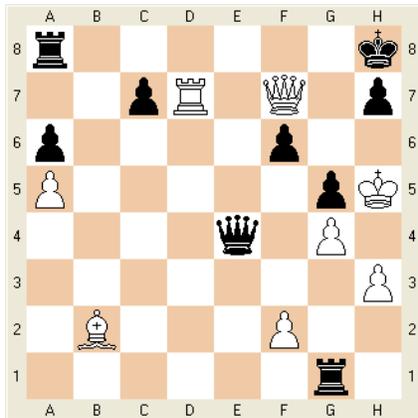


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 I captured this photo at the Hamilton 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month Quads on November 21<sup>st</sup>. TD Ed Sytnik does a great job accomodating all the players including some usual late arrivals and has faithfully been running these events for a long time. Ed usually draws upwards of 40 players – many coming in from Pennsylvania based on Hamilton's geographic proximity to Philadelphia.

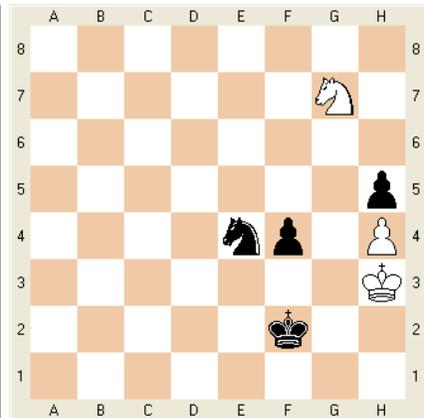
# Problem Solver's Corner - by Steve Ferrero



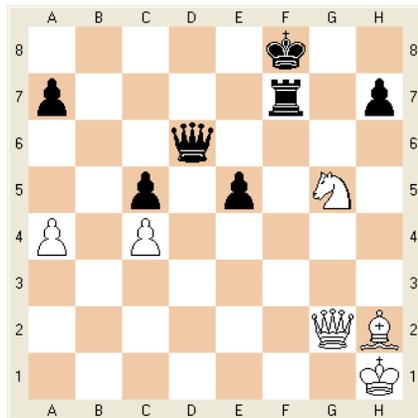
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Black To Move And -+



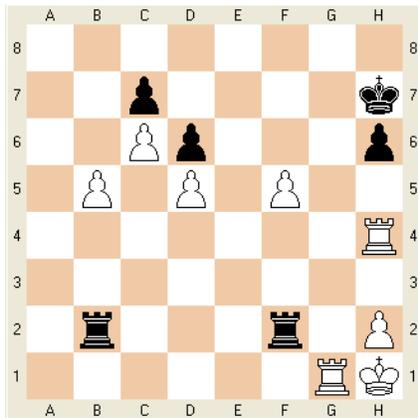
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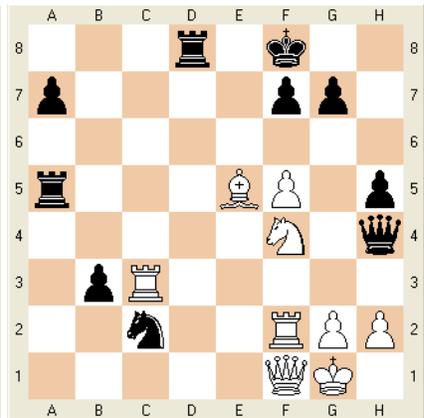
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Black To Move And -+



**Oct - Dec 2009 Problem #4**  
White To Move And +-



**Oct - Dec 2009 Problem #5**  
White To Move And +-



**Oct - Dec 2009 Problem #6**  
White To Move And +-

**Solutions: July - Sept. 2009 Problem Solver's Corner (see next issue for solutions to problems above)**

- Problem#1: Tarrasch - Schallopp, Frankfurt 1887: Schallopp uncorked ...Rf4!! whereby Tarrasch threw in the towel. Aside from black's obvious initial threat of ...Rxf8, Schallopp was also looking to land ...Qf2+ ...Rh4#. If after ...Rf4!!, Rxf4, Qg1+ picks off white's queen with an easy win at hand.
- Problem#2: Schlechter - Thuring, Vienna 1893: This game illustrates a good example of what can go wrong when king goes on a walk across the board with queens and heavy pieces still in play! Often, brilliant sacrifices are possible with the enemy king stripped of it's pawn shield or safety of a castled position. Schlechter commenced the assault here with: Qe5+, Kf3 [...Kd3, Rd1+, Qd2, Qd6+ winning black's queen without even having to give up the rook], Bd1+ (tightening the cordon around the black king), Kg2, Qd5+, Kh2 (or ...Kh3, Qh5+, Kg2, Qh1+, Kxh1 (forced), Bf3+, Kh2, Rh1#), Qh1+!, Kxh1 (forced), Bf3+, Kh2, Rh1#.
- Problem#3: Chigorin - Schlechter, Ostende 1905: The drawmaster, Schlechter, saved the day against his famous adversary with: ...Ka8! and now white cannot avoid splitting the point. If Qxc7, black is stalemated since all three of his pawns remain blockaded. If Ka6, Qc8+, Ka5, Qc3+, Ka6, Qc8+ with a perpetual check or black can calmly just respond to white's initial Ka6 repeating the position immediately with ...Qc7! with our familiar stalemate theme re-appearing.
- Problem#4: Schlechter - Wolf, Nurnberg 1906: We have already seen the sly Schlechter snatch victory from the jaws of defeat in our previous problem! Yes, you guessed it - here he does it yet again to Wolf with: Re1+! and Wolf is forced to capture the checking rook lest he throw the game away by pitching his rook and b-pawn and with it, the game. Now, after ...Rxe1 we see that stalemate theme rear its ugly head again!
- Problem#5: Janowski - Forgács, Ostende 1906: Janowski found Re3+, f3 [...fxe3 would lead to: Qd6+!, Kh4, Qh6+, Kg3, Qh2#], Qd6+ (Janowski could have mated even more efficiently now with: Rxf3+!, gxf3 (forced), Qg5# but understandably must have had that particular mating theme in mind with the queen covering both the h-file and diagonal on top of the black king which he had been threatening earlier had black grabbed the rook on the initial check), and now black resigned in view of ...Kh4, Qh6+, Kg3, Qh2#.
- Problem#6: Bird - Morphy, London 1858: After Bird just finished castling long, Geza Maróczy penned the note "The move with the rook prepares a strikingly deep and surprising combination; still, after the best defense, would have led only to a draw." Perhaps the greatest combinational player of all time struck with: ...Rxf2! to deflect the white bishop allowing black's queen to get to the a-file is a colossal conception. Bxf2, Qa3!, Even former World Champion Max Euwe felt compelled to comment "This is a magnificent move and the key to Black's combination. We can understand Morphy quite well, since he was incapable of withstanding the temptation. The combination with a rook sacrifice and then with a queen sacrifice was too beautiful to resist; meanwhile, White's best defense was too difficult to find." Geza Maróczy noted that if instead black played ...Ba3, white would have responded strongly with Qe3! Bird now played c3 [Euwe noted "if instead Qc3, Bf4+, Rd2 (Kb1, Qxc3), Qxa2, Qa3, (or b3, e3, Bxe3, Bxe3 Qxe3 Qa1#), Qxa3, bxa3, e3 regaining his rook, keeping a couple of pawns" Or, as Maróczy noted, on Qc3, Morphy may well have ended matters with: ...Bf4+, Rd2, Qxa2, b3, Bd6!, winning white's queen. If instead of Qc3, white deviated with Qg5, "Black would play ...Qxb2+, Kd2, Bb4+, Ke3, Qa3+!, Bd3 (or Kf4, Bd6+), Ba6, Rhg1, Bf8! winning the game" The game continued after Bird's c3, Qxa2, b4, Qa1+, Kc2, Qa4+, Kb2 [Here, Bird could have forced a perpetual here with Kc1 according to Maróczy who also stated that an additional bishop sacrifice by Morphy on b4 would be a mistake (e.g. ...Bxb4, cxb4, Rxb4, Qg5, Qa3+, Kd2, Rb2+, Ke1, Rxe2+, Kxe2, Qf3+, Ke1, Qxh1+, Qg1, Qf3, Qg3) Bxb4, cxb4, Rxb4+, Qxb4, Qxb4+, Kc2, e3! ("The decisive move." - Maróczy) Bxe3, Bf5+, Rd3, Qc4+, Kd2, Qa2+, Kd1, Qb1+ -+.

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

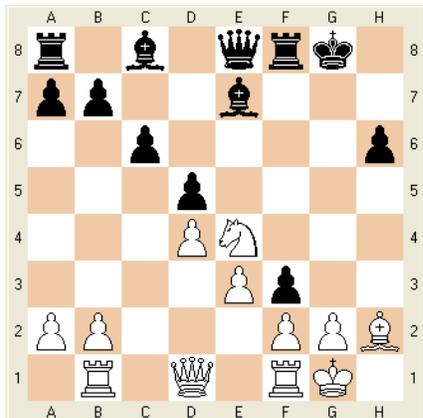
**Aaron Kiedes (1550)**

**Louis Sturniolo (1523)**

Dean of Chess Academy League, Branchburg, G/60 + 30 Second Increment,  
Sep. 11, 2009, ECO A85

**Dutch Defense**

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 d5 6.e3 c6  
7.Bd3 O-O 8.O-O h6 9.Bf4 Ne4 10.Ne5 Qe8 11.cxd5  
exd5 12.Rb1 Nd7 13.Nf3 Ndf6 14.h3 g5 15.Bh2 g4  
16.hxg4 fxg4 17.Bxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 gxf3



19.Ng3 Bg4 20.Qc2 Bh4 21.e4 Bxg3 22.Bxg3 fxg2  
23.Kxg2 Bf3+ 24.Kg1 Qh5 **White Resigns**

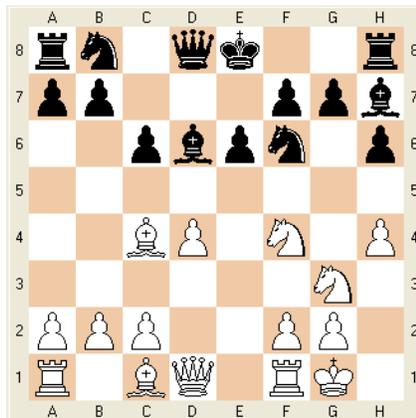
**FM Macon A. Shibut (2254)**

**IM Dean J. Ippolito (2519)**

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Open, Washington DC, Rd. 2, TL 40/80, SD/1,  
Dec. 27, 2009, ECO B18

**Caro-Kann Defense – Classical Variation w/4...Bf5**

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 dx4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6  
6.N1e2 e6 7.h4 h6 8.Nf4 Bh7 9.Bc4 Nf6 10.O-O Bd6



11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Bxe6 Nbd7 13.Re1 Qc7 14.Bg8+ Kf8  
15.Bxh7 Rxh7 16.Nf5 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 g6 18.Bxh6+ Kg8  
19.Ne7+ Kf7 20.Bg5 Bd6 21.Qe2 Re8 22.Qc4+ Kg7  
**White Resigns**

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