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NOWAK FIRST AT FREEZE-OUT
(OR, WHAT MOSTAD ALMOST HAD!)*

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IN THREE-WAY TIE AT UCCC 2ND WINTER

MAYER WINS MIDWINTER

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OTHER PEOPLE'S GAMES

From the editor

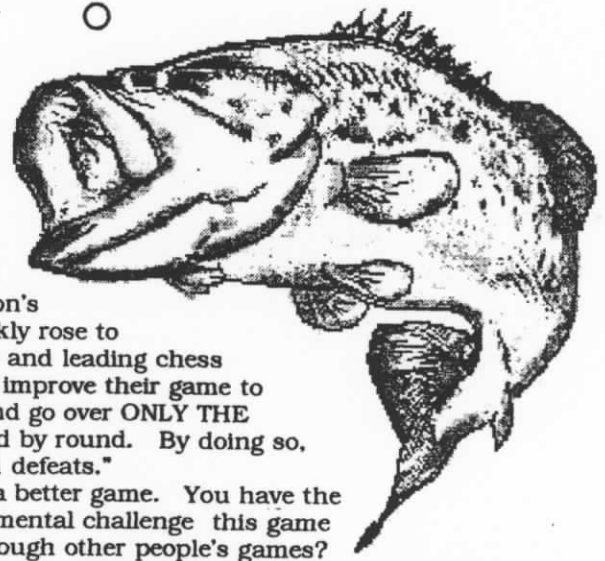
You see the pawn, but not the hook. You're ahead in material, but you sense something's terribly wrong. The enemy pieces are closing in all around you, and borborygmi are starting to betray your confident facade. Now you diffidently tiptoe through the tactical minefield, hoping for a miracle - which never comes. You did something wrong, but what? Need some ideas?

Sometimes, by looking over someone else's shoulder during their game, we can pick up an idea or technique that will come in very handy later. Also, By watching someone else, we may see where we have been aberrant. - Which brings me to the point: -

John C. Thompson, Montana's own USCF Master Emeritus, with a long list of ionship titles to his credit from Texas and Montana, recently mentioned

to me that he was "...playing through master games, dally" as preparation for a tournament in Dallas, TX. Ken Smith (one of Mr. Thompson's former star students, who quickly rose to prominence as a senior master and leading chess author) urges those desiring to improve their game to "...pick one tournament book and go over **ONLY THE GAMES OF THE WINNER** round by round. By doing so, you will share in their joys and defeats."

You Know you can play a better game. You have the intelligence and you love the mental challenge this game offers. Why not try playing through other people's games? This newsletter is packed with some of the hottest recent action from around the state! See what the winners do, and what they eschew too! Flounder no more! Join the Gradual, Upwardly-mobile Players (guppies). Carpe diem!



* Phraseology by Romie Carpenter

MONTANA CHESS ASSOCIATION LIST OF RESIDENT MEMBERS

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As of January 7, 1994

	NAME	Residence	Rtg
1	Nowak, Gregory W.	Missoula	2233
2	Thompson, John C.	Billings	2100
3	Johansson, Jan	Gardiner	2060
4	Mayer, Zygmund	Billings	2039
5	Motta, Paul S.	Missoula	2014
6	Stubberud, Kip H.	Helena	2009
7	Katzl, Rudolf G.	Missoula	2000
8	Svelmoe, Paul	Missoula	2000
9	Jensen, Michael J.	Missoula	1968
10	Suits, Thad	Great Falls	1949
11	Lynch, William M.	Billings	1910
12	Greer, William H.	Ashland	1909
13	Loy, James R.	Bozeman	1909
14	Long, Michael J.	Livingston	1858
15	Phillips, Robert L.	Ronan	1853
16	Brennan, Leslie J.	Colstrip	1829
17	Svelmoe, Stephen J.	Missoula	1822
18	Carpenter, Romie G.	Missoula	1819
19	Shughart, David W.	Florence	1817
20	Skovron, James	Great Falls	1798
21	Erickson, Ron	Missoula	1791
22	Hearn, Alan D.	Gardiner	1774
23	Quimby, Chris	Lavina	1772
24	Limesand, Kip	Whitehall	1737
25	McCourt, Daniel J.	Missoula	1731
26	Scarff, Steven R.	Bozeman	1721
27	Shuck, Gordon	Whitehall	1718
28	Anderson, Hans	Missoula	1699
29	Duke, David	Billings	1697
30	Hansen, Doug	Great Falls	1681
31	Jaroszy, Wasył	Bozeman	1678
32	Goplen, Arman D.	Kalispell	1672
33	Petrak, Dennis F.	Great Falls	1666
34	Mostad, Thomas O.	Helena	1643
35	Ford, Greg J.	Billings	1637
36	Hildenstab, Duane H.	Helena	1630
37	Moore, Sherwood	Missoula	1626



	NAME	Residence	Rtg
38	McBroom, William	Missoula	1611
39	Winer, Jason	Bozeman	1586
40	Rajala, Robert J.	Missoula	1547
41	Steinhof, Michael E.	Gardiner	1522
42	Martinez, Michael	Missoula	1511
43	Grover, Hardy	Three Forks	1509
44	Partney, Louis	Stevensville	1506
45	Kennedy, John	Colstrip	1462
46	Hull, Robert A.	Livingston	1453
47	Small, Scott S.	Bozeman	1444
48	Strong, Murray R.	Bozeman	1433
49	Kracht, Ted	Great Falls	1423
50	Bridges, Travis	Great Falls	1404
51	Barto, John R.	Great Falls	1399
52	Godinez, Doug	Bozeman	1383
53	Ammond, Jonni	Gardiner	1375
54	Petersen, Lyle I.	Paradise	1355
55	Price, Donald M.	Bozeman	1352
56	Campeau, Antoni A.	Bozeman	1328
57	Stauber, Craig	Bozeman	1317
58	Gisselbeck, Donald	Missoula	1272
59	Melquist, Robert S.	Havre	1262
60	Crossman, Douglas	Three Forks	1261
61	Evans, Dennis	Missoula	1238
62	Luther, Larry	Great Falls	1238
63	Smith, Kevin	Bozeman	1227
64	Jacobs, Carl C.	Victor	1225
65	Madler, Steve	Colstrip	1202
66	Arnot, Paul B.	Bozeman	1197
67	McCourt, Chris	Missoula	1197
68	Mayer, Eriel	Billings	1136
69	McEwen, Dana	Great Falls	1115
70	Dunning, Dale H.	Deer Lodge	
71	O'Brien, Mike	Butte	
72	Bommakanti, Rajani K.	Bozeman	UNR
73	Douglas, Nick	Great Falls	UNR
74	Kozubski, Marie	Bozeman	UNR



This list represents current, paid up resident MCA members only, and the data were taken from the USCF February, 1994 Rating Supplement.

UCCC 1st WINTER OPEN

- REPORT BY ROMIE CARPENTER -

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1	Carpenter, Romie G.	1800	W 8	D 3	W 6	2.5
2	Nowak, Gregory	2226	W 5	W 4	U--	2
3	Protic, Jovan	2080	W 6	D 1	D 4	2
4	Jensen, Michael J.	1961	W 7	L 2	D 3	1.5
5	McCourt, Daniel J.	1730	L 2	L 6	W 7	1
6	Moore, Sherwood	1626	L 3	W 5	L 1	1
7	McBroom, William	1600	L 4	W 8	L 5	1
8	Gisselbeck, Donald	1304	L 1	L 7	BYE	1

definitely made the clock a major factor. Finally, my game against Moore provides an example of how a lack of space can tend to make your pieces bump into each other.

FIVE-VALLEYS FREEZE-OUT

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOT
1	Nowak	2226	W10	W 8	W 4	W 5	4
2	Motta	2000	W 9	W15	L 5	W 6	3
3	Brennan	1785	W20	L 5	W19	W13	3
4	Hansen	1681	W25	W 7	L 1	W16	3
5	Mostad	1660	W26	W 3	W 2	L 1	3
6	Skovron	1810	W11	D16	W14	L 2	2.5
7	Carpenter	1800	W19	L 4	W11	D 8	2.5
8	McCourt, D.	1730	W12	L 1	X 22	D 7	2.5
9	Duke	1607	L 2	D17	W12	W14	2.5
10	Jones	1651	L 1	L14	W25	W19	2
11	McBroom	1600	L 6	W24	L 7	W20	2
12	Griffin	1118	L 8	BYE	L 9	W25	2
13	Jensen	1961	U--	.5 B	W16	L 3	1.5
14	Shughart, D.	1800	D17	W10	L 6	L 9	1.5
15	Erickson	1758	W22	L 2	D17	U--	1.5
16	Yunker	1679	W24	D 6	L13	L 4	1.5
17	Allwardt	1500	D14	D 9	D15	L18	1.5
18	Moore	1626	U--	U--	U--	W17	1
19	Rajala	1558	L 7	W25	L 3	L10	1
20	Petersen	1355	L 3	U--	W24	L11	1
21	Gisselbeck	1304	U--	U--	U--	W23	1
22	Jacobs	1234	L15	W26	F 8	U--	1
23	McCourt, C.	1197	U--	U--	W26	L21	1
24	Dereniowski	UNR	L16	L11	L20	W26	1
25	Calger	UNR	L 4	L19	L10	L12	0
26	Shughart, M.	UNR	L 5	L22	L23	L24	0

Haven't we
met b4 ?



We have a new player among us, Jovan Protic, who is a Yugoslavian exchange student with an initial provisional rating of 2080! However, it looks as if he'll likely settle in as a solid class "A" player. In any event, Jovan has certainly been a welcomed addition to our club. In his game with me, I seemed to hold some advantage on the board while Jovan held a clear advantage on the clock, and in his game with Jensen, it appears as if Mike wanted to feel him out without taking any risks. The results of both games were draws. In Nowak - McCourt, Dan played very well and held a clear advantage almost up to the point where the sudden-death time control caused his demise. These new time controls have

Not only was the Freeze-Out fraught with phrenic frolics. It was also besieged by bare-legged, Bermuda-shorted bawcocks with but one common goal - to win their entrance fees back! It was the middle of January in Missoula, MT and it looked like a beach party! The balmy weather (temperatures in the near 50s) galvanized a host of (intrepid?) travelers to rise to the challenge to bring (and wear) their shorts to this winter tournament for what would be a sure win.

Avarice had nothing to do with it. It certainly wasn't the penury-level prize fund that attracted these fellows. They wanted to mix it up - rumble, and they got their wish. Statures, postures, egos and ratings all played musical chairs, as is the nature of the beast, but there emerged one remarkable hero from the crowd who had everyone's attention. Tom Mostad seemed unstoppable! After having deposed Max Shughart, Les Brennan and Paul Motta, he was the only eligible opponent for Greg Nowak in the last round. Tom gave Nowak an excellent, close game, which deserves attention. Check it out in the Recent Games section. 1660????

UCCC 2nd WINTER OPEN

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1	Protic, Jovan	1944	W10	W 8	D 2	2.5
2	Carpenter, Romie	1800	W11	W 7	D 1	2.5
3	McCourt, Daniel	1730	W13	D10	W 6	2.5
4	Jensen, Michael J.	1961	U--	W13	W 8	2
5	McBroom, William	1600	L 7	W 9	X10	2
6	Calger, Stephen	1160	BYE	W11	L 3	2
7	Shughart, David W.	1800	W 5	L 2	U--	1
8	Erickson, Ron	1758	W12	L 1	L 4	1
9	Gisselbeck, Don	1304	U--	L 5	W13	1
10	Moore, Sherwood	1626	L 1	D 3	F 5	0.5
11	Shughart, Max	1567	L 2	L 6	U--	0
12	Butler, John	1450	L 8	U--	U--	0
13	Dereniowski, Dwight	UNR	L 3	L 4	L 9	0

MIDWINTER OPEN

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOT
1	Mayer, Zygmund	2039	W13	W8	D5	W6	3.5
2	Smith, Steve	2117	W11	W9	D6	D5	3
3	Johansson, Jan	2060	W12	L7	W11	W9	3
4	Long, Michael	1858	L15	W14	W7	W13	3
5	Brennan, Les	1829	W19	W15	D1	D2	3
6	Loy, Jim	1909	W18	W16	D2	L1	2.5
7	Duke, David	1697	W17	W3	L4	D10	2.5
8	Jarosz, Wasyl	1678	W20	L1	W16	H--	2.5
9	Hearn, Alan	1774	W14	L2	W12	L3	2
10	Scarff, Steven	1721	L16	W18	D15	D7	2
11	Walter, John	1515	L2	W19	L3	W15	2
12	Price, Donald	1355	L3	W17	L9	W16	2
13	Stauber, Craig	1317	L1	W20	W18	L4	2
14	Walter, Daniel	1141	L9	L4	W19	W17	2
15	Crooks, Justin	1220	W4	L5	D10	L11	1.5
16	Mayer, Eriel	1127	W10	L6	L8	L12	1
17	Crooks, Sara	1008	L7	L12	B--	L14	1
18	Stanton, Jack	1236	L6	L10	L13	D19	0.5
19	Arnot, Paul	1197	L5	L11	L14	D18	0.5
20	Kozubski, Marie	UNR	L8	L13	U--	U--	0

Have you ever experienced a chess tournament from the perspective of a cushy, upholstered chair with rollers? Yep, that's what they sat in at the Midwinter Open.

O.K. Some facts: Jack Stanton - from Thunder Lizard - Brought chess literature from his store and several players took advantage of the convenience. The new Official Rules of Chess was the biggest hit (were you aware that there is a new edition?). Jack has just about every new book on the market. I saw one particular book that I plan to order by phone (I didn't want any chess spies seeing what I was interested in, so I couldn't purchase it in front of anybody).

I can tell you this: If you need a particular opening treatise, Thunder Lizard* will have it.

Some notable games I would recommend playing over are Justin Crook's crushing win over Michael Long (a 630 point upset, which would easily qualify as a candidate for MCA upset of the year, except that Justin is from Wyoming, not Montana), David Duke's win over Jan Johansson (the Midwinter boosted David over the 1700 hump, for sure!), AND Eriel Mayer's Win over Steve Scarff (This one just may be the MCA upset of this year - 594 upset points!).

And for those of you who feel that finding a refutation to the Grob is your calling, there is some fodder for you - Zygmund's tournament-winning game (The Grob, of course) over Jim Loy in the last round. Zygmund's car battery died over the weekend and the \$70 1st place prize money came in very handy to pay for a new one. Everyone loves a happy ending.

locks seem to tick louder when the games get faster, or is that the sound of hearts thumping? What ever that sound is, it gets real quiet when the flag is hanging (🚩), so quiet that you can forget all about the clock. If, in your struggle to concentrate on the complexities of an endgame enigma, you suddenly remember that you must make

ACTION CHESS!



IT'S A SCREAM!

a move, and now, it can be a real shock! It's amazing how much blood can rush to your head without bending over! Pictured below are some of the action chess enthusiasts at the Groundhog Action Open.



Steve Smith



Justin Crooks



Michael Long



Jan Johansson



Jack Stanton



Steve Scarff

GROUNDHOG ACTION OPEN

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOT
1	Smith, Steve	2117	W8	W3	L2	W6	W4	4
2	Johansson, Jan	2060	W9	W5	W1	W4	L3	4
3	Brennan, Les	1829	W10	L1	W6	W11	W2	4
4	Long, Michael	1858	W7	D6	W5	L2	L1	2.5
5	Scarff, Steven	1721	W11	L2	L4	W9	D7	2.5
6	Walter, John	1515	W12	D4	L3	L1	W10	2.5
7	Crooks, Justin	1220	L4	D9	W8	D10	D5	2.5
8	Stauber, Craig	1317	L1	D10	L7	W12	D11	2
9	Stanton, Jack	1236	L2	D7	D11	L5	W12	2
10	Arnot, Paul	1197	L3	D8	W12	D7	L6	2
11	Walter, Daniel	1141	L5	W12	D9	L3	D8	2
12	Crooks, Sara	1008	L6	L11	L10	L8	L9	0

RECENT GAMES

Nowak 2226 McCourt 1780
 UCCC First Winter Open
 12/2/93 Round 1
 Benko Opening

1. g3 d5 2. Bg2 e5 3. d4 e4 4. c3 f5
 5. h4 c6 6. a4 Nf6 7. a5 Bd6 8. Nh3
 Qe7 9. Nf4 Na6 10. Na3 Nc7 11. Qb3
 Ne6 12. Nc2 Nf4 13. Bf4 Bf4 14.
 gf4 Nh5 15. e3 Be6 16. Bf1 Bf7 17.
 Qb4 Nf6 18. a6 b6 19. Be2 Rc8 20.
 Rg1 Rg8 21. Rg5 Qe6 22. Kd2 h6
 23. Rg2 Ng4 24. Rag1 h5 25. Qa4
 Kd7 26. Nb4 Qd6 27. Nc2 Rc7 28.
 Na3 Kc8 29. Rc1 Be8 30. Rgg1 Nf2
 31. Rg5 g6 32. Qb4 Qd8 33. Qb3
 Rgg7 34. Bf1 Kb8 35. Nc2 Ng4 36.
 Nb4 Nh6 37. c4 Nf7 38. cd5 Ng5 39.
 hg5 c5 40. dc5 Rgd7 41. Ke1 Ka8
 42. c6 Rd6 43. Qc3 Bf7 44. Rd1 Kb8
 45. Qe5 Qe7 46. Kf2 Qxe5 47. fxe5
 Rxd5?? (≠) 48. Nxd5 Rxc6 49.
 Nc3 Bb3 50. Rd6 Rd6 51. ed6 Kc8
 52. Bb5 h4 53. Ne2 h3 54. Nf4
 Black's flag falls.

Protic 2080 Carpenter 1800
 UCCC First Winter Open
 12/9/93 Round 2
 Modern Defense

1. e4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. Bc4 c6 4.
 Nc3 d6 5. d3 Nf6 6. Bg5 O-O 7. Bb3
 Nbd7 8. Qd2 Nc5 9. h3 Qc7 10. Qe3
 b5 11. Bf4 e5 12. Bg5 a5 13. a3
 Nb3 14. cb3 Be6 15. Rc1 Bb3 16.
 Nb5 Qd7 17. Nc3 Rfb8 18. O-O Be6
 19. Rc2 Rb7 20. Re1 Rab8 21. Ree2
 Ne8 22. Qd2 f6 23. Be3 Bf8 24. d4
 Bb3 25. de5 Bc2 26. Qc2 de5 27.
 Na4 Qe6 28. Nd2 Rb5 29. Nc4 Nd6
 30. Nab6 Nc4 31. Nc4 Bc5 32. Bc1
 Bd4 33. Qa4 Rc5 34. b3 Rb3 35.
 Qb3 Qc4 36. Qb8 Kf7 37. Qc7 Ke8
 38. Qc8 Ke7 39. Qc7 Ke8 40. Qc8
 Ke7 Draw agreed.

Protic 2080 Jensen 1961
 UCCC First Winter Open
 12/16/93 Round 3
 Modern Defense

1. e4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. Bc4 d6 4. d3
 c5 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. a3 Nf6 7. Bg5 a6

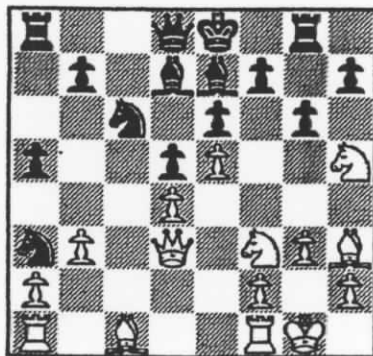
8. Rb1 b5 9. Bb3 Bd7 10. h3 e6 11.
 Ne2 Qc7 12. c3 O-O 13. O-O Na5
 14. Bc2 Bc6 15. Ng3 d5 16. e5 Nd7
 17. d4 cd4 18. cd4 Nc4 19. Bd3 a5
 20. Qe2 Rfe8 21. Ra1 a4 22. Rac1
 Qb6 23. Rc2 Rac8 Draw agreed.

Carpenter 1800 Moore 1624
 UCCC First Winter Open
 12/16/93 Round 3
 English Opening

1. c4 c5 2. g3 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. b3
 Nf6 5. Bg2 Nc6 6. O-O Be7 7. e3
 dc4 8. bc4 O-O 9. Bb2 Qc7 10. d4
 cd4 11. ed4 Rd8 12. Qe2 b6 13. Na3
 a6 14. Rfd1 Bb7 15. Nc2 Rd7 16.
 Rac1 Rad8 17. Ne3 Qb8 18. d5 ed5
 19. Bh3 Rc7 20. Nd5 Nd5 21. cd5
 Nb4 22. Qe5 Bf6 23. Qc7 Bb2 24.
 Qb8 Rb8 25. Rb1 Ba3 26. Rb3 Bd5
 27. Ra3 Bf3 28. Rf3 Na2 29. Rfd3
 g6 30. Rd8 Rd8 31. Rd8 Kg7 32.
 Rb8 b5 33. Bc8 Black resigns.

D.McCourt 1730 Moore 1626
 UCCC Second Winter Open
 1/6/94 Round 2
 French - Tarrasch

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6
 4. e5 Nfd7 5. c3 c5 6. Ndf3
 Nc6 7. Ne2 cd4 8. cd4 a5 9.
 g3 Nb6 10. Bh3 Be7 11. O-O
 Bd7 12. Nf4 Nc4 13. b3 Na3
 14. Nh5 Rg8 15. Qd3 g6

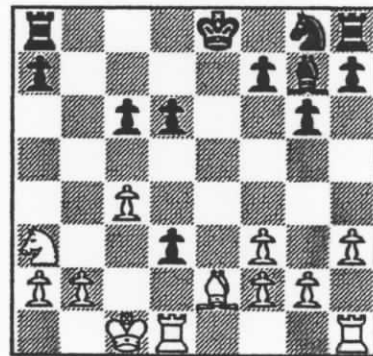


16. Nf6+ (16. Bxa3! gxh5 17.
 Qxh7 Rf8 18. Bc1, followed by
 19. Bh6 or 16...Bxa3 17. Nf6+)
 16...Bxf6 17. exf6 Nb4 18.
 Qd2 Nac2 19. Rb1 Qf6

20. Ne5 Rc8 21. a3 Na2 22.
 Bb2 Qd8 23. Qh6 Bb5 24.
 Qh7 Rf8 25. Bxe6! fxe6 26.
 Qxg6+ Ke7 27. Qg7+ Ke8 28.
 Qg6+ Draw

Protic 1944 Erickson 1758
 UCCC Second Winter Open
 1/6/94 Round 2
 Modern Defense

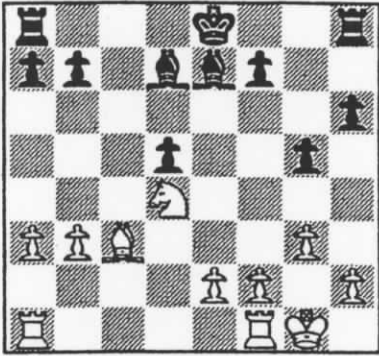
1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6
 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. h3 Bf3 6. ef3
 Nc6 7. Be3 e5 8. d5 Nd4 9.
 Bd4 ed4 10. Nb5 c5 11. dc6
 bc6 12. Na3 Qe7 13. Qe2 Qe2
 14. Be2 d3! 15. O-O-O



15... d2+? (Does not 15...dxe2
 win a bishop?) 16. Kc2 (16. Rxd2
 Bh6, and 16.Kxd2 Bxb2) Rb8 17.
 b3 Bh6 18. Nb1 Nf6 19. Nd2
 O-O 20. Ne4 Ne4 21. fe4
 Rbd8 22. Rhf1 Rfe8 23. Bf3
 c5 24. Rd5 Bg7 25. Rfd1 Be5
 26. Be2 Rb8 27. g3 Bd4 28.
 R1d4 cd4 29. Bd3 Re6 30.
 Rd4 g5 31. Rd5 h6 32. f3 Kg7
 33. Kc3 Rb6 34. Ra5 Rb7 35.
 Kd4 Kf6 36. f4 gf4 37. gf4
 Ke7 38. f5 Rf6 39. Kd5 Rc7
 40. Be2 Kd7 41. b4 Ke7 42.
 a3 Kd7 43. Bd1 Ke7 44. Ra6
 Kd7 45. c5 Kd8 46. Ba4 h5
 47. Rd6 Rd6 48. Kd6 Re7 49.
 e5 h4 50. c6 Rc7 51. b5 Re7
 52. Bb3 Rc7 53. a4 Rd7 54.
 cd7 f6 55. e6 Black resigns.

Carpenter 1800 Hansen 1681
Five-Valleys Freeze-Out
1/15/94 Round 2
English Opening

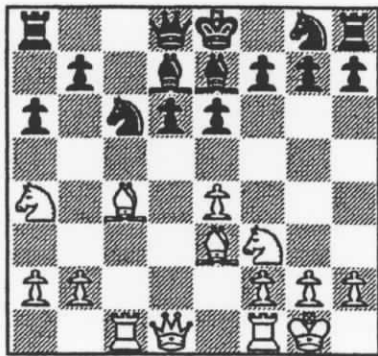
1. c4 e5 2. g3 c6 3. d4 ed4 4. Qd4 Qf6 5. Qe4 Be7 6. Bg2 d6 7. Nc3 Na6 8. Nf3 Nb4 9. Bg5 Qe6 10. O-O Nf6 11. Qe6 Be6 12. b3 h6 13. Bf4 g5 14. Bd2 d5 15. cd5 Nfd5 16. Nd4 Bd7 17. a3 Nc3 18. Bc3 Nd5 19. Bd5 cd5



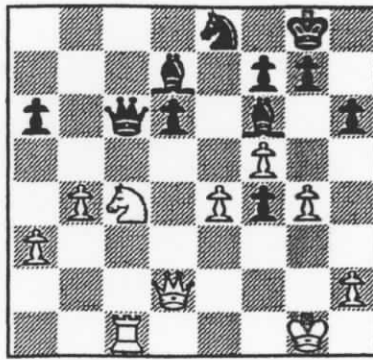
20. Nb5?! Bxb5 21. Bxb8 f6! 22. Bg7 Kf7 23. Bxh6 Kg6 24. Bxg5 fg5 25. a4 Be2 26. Rfe1 Bf6 27. Rac1 Bf3 28. Rc7 Rd8 29. Re3 g4 30. Rd3 d4 31. h3 Re8 32. Rf3 gf3 33. Kf1 d3 34. Rd7 Bc3 White resigns.

D. Shughart 1800 Duke 1607
Five-Valleys Freeze-Out
1/16/94 Round 4
Smith-Morra Gambit

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cd4 3. c3 dc3 4. Bc4 d6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Nf3 e6 7. O-O Be7 8. Be3 a6 9. Rc1 Bd7 10. Na4?



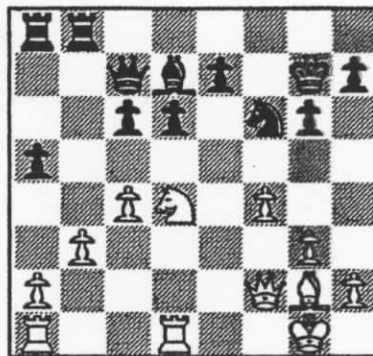
10... b5 11. Nb6 bc4 12. Na8 Qa8 13. Rc4 Nf6 14. Qc2 O-O 15. Rc1 Rc8 16. Nd4 Na7 17. Rc8 Nc8 18. f3 Ne8 19. Nc6 Qb7 20. a3 Bf6 21. b4 Ne7 22. Na5 Qb5 23. g4 h6 24. Qd2 Ng6 25. f4 e5 26. f5 Nf4 27. Nc4 Qc6 28. Bf4 ef4



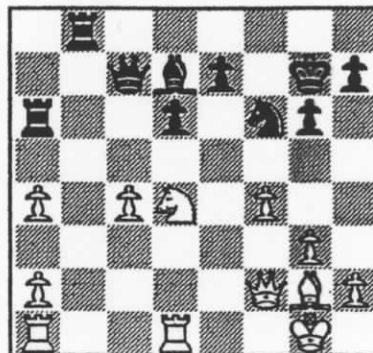
29. Ne5?? 29... Qb6+ 30. Kg2 Bxe5 31. Qc2 Nf6 32. h3 Qe3 33. g5 Qg3 34. Kf1 Qh3 35. Ke1 Qh1 36. Kd2 Nxe4+ 37. White resigns.

Mostad 1660 Nowak 2226
Five-Valleys Freeze-Out
1/16/94 Round 4
Old Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. Nf3 g6 5. g3 c6 6. Bg2 Qc7 7. O-O Bg7 8. b3 O-O 9. Bb2 a5 10. Nh4 Bg4 11. Qd2 Na6 12. d5 Nc5 13. dc6 bc6 14. Nf3 Rfb8 15. Nd4 Bd7 16. Nc2 Ng4 17. Rfb1 Bf5 18. e4 Bd7 19. Nd1 Ne5 20. f4 Ned3 21. Bg7 Kg7 22. Nf2 Nf2 23. Qf2 f6 24. e5 Bf5 25. Rd1 Ne4 26. ef6 Nf6 27. Nd4! Bd7



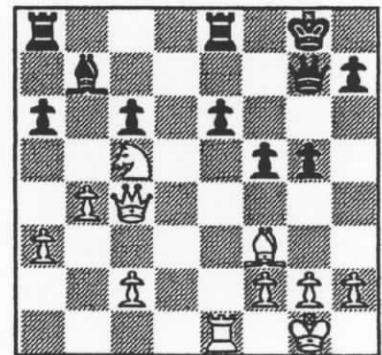
28. Bxc6 Ra6 29. Bg2 a4 30. bxa4



30...Qxc4?! 31. Bf1 Qxa4 32. Bxa6 Qxa6 33. Re1 Kf7 34. Qe2 Qe2 35. Re2 Rb4 36. Nf3 h6 37. Rae1 e6 38. Nd2 Ra4 39. Nf3 Bc6 40. Nh4 Bd5 41. Ng2 g5 42. Rc1 Kg6 43. Ne3 Bf3 44. Rd2 gf4 45. gf4 d5 46. Rf1 Be4 47. h3 Ra3 48. Ng4 Rh3 49. Nf6 Kf6 50. Rh2 Rg3 51. Kf2 Ra3 52. Rh6 Kf5 53. Kg1 Ra2 54. Rh5 Kg6 55. Rg5 Kf6 56. Re1 Ra3 57. Re5 Bf5 58. R5e3 Ra5 59. Rf1 d4 60. Ree1 Ra2 61. Rd1 d3 62. Rf2 Ra8 63. Kg2 Rg8 64. Kf1 Rg3 65. Ke1 Bg4 66. Rd3 Rd3 67. Rd2 Re3 68. Kf2 Rf3 69. Kg2 Rf4 70. Rf2 Kf5 71. Rf4 Kf4 72. White's flag falls

Brennan 1785 Jensen 1961
Five-Valleys Freeze-Out
1/16/94 Round 4
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 g6 4. d4 cd4 5. Nd4 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Nc3 O-O 8. O-O a6 9. Nc6 bc6 10. Be2 Qa5 11. a3 Bb7 12. b4 Qd8 13. e5 Nd5 14. Bd4 Nf4 15. Bf3 Ne6 16. Re1 Nd4 17. Qd4 d6 18. Qf4 Be5 19. Re5 de5 20. Qe5 Qd6 21. Qe3 Rfd8 22. Rd1 Qf6 23. Re1 e6 24. Ne4 Qd4 25. Qh6 Qg7 26. Qh4 f5 27. Nc5! g5 28. Qc4 Re8

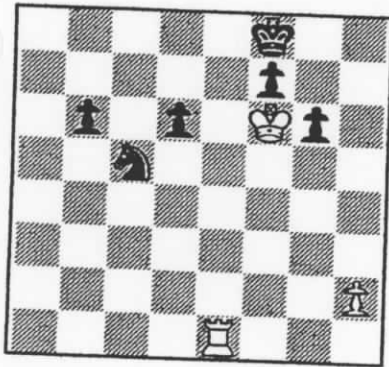


29. Rxe6 Qa1+?? (≠♞♟) 30. Re1+ Black resigns. Better would've been 29. Nxb7! Qxb7 30. Bxc6 Rac8 31. Rxe6, but Michael's flag was hanging by a thread and I felt he may be overly attracted to the a1 square. He was!

Possible Upset of the Year!

Scarff 1721 E. Mayer 1127
 Midwinter Open
 2/5/94 Round 1
 Blackmar Diemer Gambit

1. d4 d5 2. e4 de4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 e6 5. Bc4 Bb4 6. Qd2 O-O 7. Qe3 Bc3 8. Qc3 ef3 9. Nf3 Ne4 10. Qd3 Qh4?? 11. Nxf4 Nd6 12. O-O Nd7 13. d5? Ne5 14. Qg3 Nxc4 15. Bh6 g6 16. Bf8 Kf8 17. b3 Nd2 18. Rfd1 N2e4 19. Qe5 Kg8 20. c4 ed5 21. Rd5 Be6 22. Rd4 Nc3 23. Rf4 Re8 24. Kh1 (24. Qxc3) Na2! 25. Qf6 Nb4 26. c5 Nd3 27. Rd4 Nc5 28. Rf4 Nd7 29. Qg5 Bb3 30. Nf3 Ne4 31. Qh6 Bd5 32. Kg1 Nc3 33. Ng5 Ne2 34. Kf2 Nf4 35. Qh7 Kf8 36. Qh8 Ke7 37. Qg7 Nd3 38. Kg3 Nf6 39. Kh4 Rg8 40. Qh6 Nf2 41. Kg3 N2g4 42. Qh4 Kf8 43. Nh7 Kg7 44. Nf6 Nf6 45. Ra7 Rh8 46. Qd4 Re8 47. Ra5 Rd8 48. Ra1 Rd6 49. Re1 Bg2 50. Qd6 cd6 51. Kg2 Kf8 52. Kf3 Nd7 53. Kf4 Nc5 54. Rb1 Nd3 55. Kg5 Nc5 56. Rd1 Ke7 57. Re1 Kf8 58. Kf6 b6

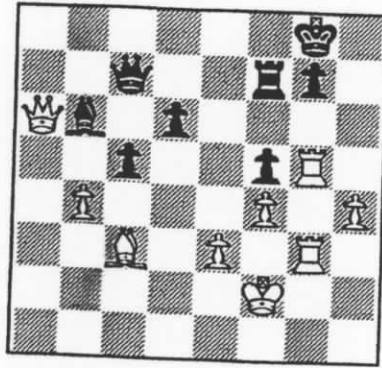


59. Ra1?? (looking at 60. Ra8++)
 59...Ne4 Mate

J. Crooks 1220 Long 1858
 Midwinter Open
 2/5/94 Round 1
 Budapest Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. de5 Ng4 4. Nf3 Bc5 5. e3 Nc6 6. Be2 Nge5 7. Ne5 Ne5 8. f4 Nc6 9. O-O Qe7 10. Qd3 d6 11. a3 a5 12. Nc3 Be6 13. Nd5 Bd5 14. cd5 Nb8 15. Rf3 O-O 16. Rh3 h6 17. g4 Qd7 18. Rh5 f5

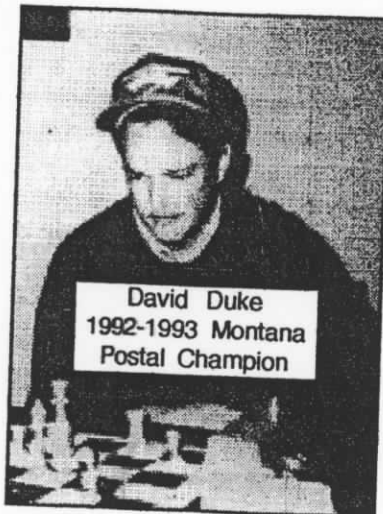
19. g5 hg5 20. Rg5 Na6 21. Bh5 Qe7 22. Bd2 Rf6 23. Kf2 Re8? 24. Be8 Qe8 25. Rag1 Rf7 26. Bc3 Qe7 27. h4 Bb6 28. b4 ab4 29. ab4 c5 30. dc6 bc6 31. R1g3 c5?? 32. Qa6 Qc7



33. Qa8+! Qd8 34. Qg2!! d5 35. Rxc7+ Black resigns.

Duke 1697 Johansson 2060
 Midwinter Open
 2/5/94 Round 2
 English Opening

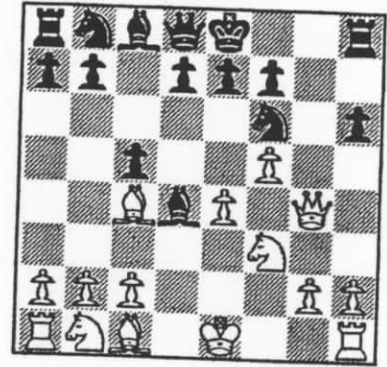
1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. g3 O-O 5. Bg2 d6 6. d4 Nbd7 7. O-O c5? 8. d5 a6 9. a4 b6 10. Qc2 Rb8 11. Re1 Ne8 12. e4 Nc7 13. Bf4 Ne5 14. Ne5 de5 15. Be3 Qd6? 16. f4 Bd7 17. Rf1 b5? 18. Qf2! bc4 19. Bc5 Qf6 20. Rad1 Ne8 21. d6 ed6 22. Ba3 Bc6 23. Qa7 Qd8 24. Qa6 Bb7 25. Qc4? Qb6 26. Kh1 Ba6 27. Qd5 Bf1 28. Bf1 ef4 29. gf4 Qf2 30. Qd2 Qb6 31. Nd5 Qa7 32. Bb5 Rd8 33. Nb4 Qb6 34. Nc6 Black's flag falls.



David Duke
 1992-1993 Montana
 Postal Champion

Brennan 1829 Z. Mayer 2039
 Midwinter Open
 2/5/94 Round 3
 Macho Grob

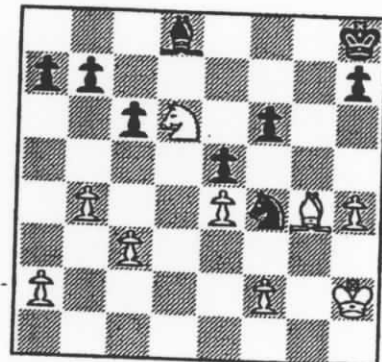
1. e4 g5 2. d4 h6 3. f4 c5 4. Bc4 g4 5. f5 Bg7 6. Qxg4 Bxd4 7. Nf3 Nf6



8. Bxf7+ Kxf7 9. Qg6+ Kf8
 10. Bxh6+ Rxh6 11. Qxh6+ Kg8
 12. Qg6+ Kf8 13. Qh6+ Draw
 (Some observers pointed out after the game that 13. c3! looks like a win for white - winning the black bishop. You be the judge.)

Z. Mayer 2039 Loy 1909
 Midwinter Open
 2/5/94 Round 4
 The Grob

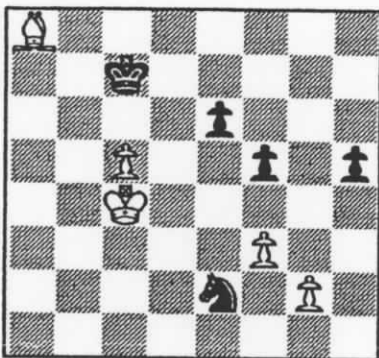
1. g4 d5 2. h3 e5 3. Bg2 Bc5 4. d3 f5 5. Nc3 c6 6. gf5 Bf5 7. e4 de4 8. Ne4 Bb6 9. Bg5 Nf6 10. Bf6 gf6 11. Qf3 Be4 12. de4 O-O 13. Ne2 Kh8 14. h4 Qd6 15. c3 Nd7 16. Rd1 Qe7 17. Ng3 Nc5 18. Nf5 Qf7 19. Bh3 Rad8 20. O-O Rd1 21. Rd1 Rd8 22. Rd8 Bd8 23. b4 Ne6 24. Nd6 Qg7 25. Qg4 Nf4 26. Kh2 Qg4 27. Bg4



27... b6?? 28. Nf7+ Black resigns.

Smith 2117 Johansson 2060
Groundhog Action Open
 2/6/94 Round 3
Nimzovich Defense

1. e4 Nc6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 Qd5 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. Be2 O-O-O 6. Be3 e6 7. O-O Nf6 8. c4 Qf5 9. Qa4 Qa5 10. Qa5 Na5 11. Nc3 Nc6 12. Rfd1 a6 13. a3 Bf3 14. Bf3 Na5 15. Be2 Nb3 16. Rab1 c5 17. dc5 Bc5 18. Bc5 Nc5 19. b4 Nce4 20. Ne4 Ne4 21. Rd8 Rd8 22. Rd1 Rd2 23. Rd2 Nd2 24. Bd3 g6 25. f3 Nb3 26. Kf2 a5 27. Ke3 ab4 28. ab4 b6 29. Bc2 Nc1 30. Bb1 f6 31. h4 Kd7 32. h5 gh5 33. Bh7 Na2 34. c5 bc5 35. bc5 Kc6 36. Kd4 Nc1 37. Be4 Kc7 38. Kc4 f5 39. Ba8 Ne2



40. Kb5 h4! 41. Kc4 Nf4 42. Kd4 Nxc2 White resigns.

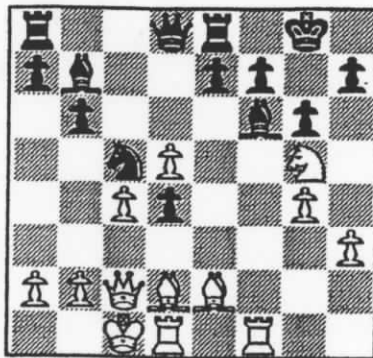
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Groundhog Action Open
 2/6/94 Round 4
Reifsson Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. d4 ed4 3. Nf3 Bb4 4. Nbd2 Qe7 5. Bd3 Nc6 6. O-O d6 7. e5 de5 8. Ne5 Ne5 9. Re1 Nf6 10. h3 O-O 11. f4 Nf3 12. gf3 Qd6 13. Ne4 Ne4 14. Re4 Bh3 15. Kf2 Qh6 16. f5 Qb6 17. Rh4 Rae8 18. Bd2 Bd2 19. Qd2 Re3 20. Rh3 Rfe8 and Black resigns.

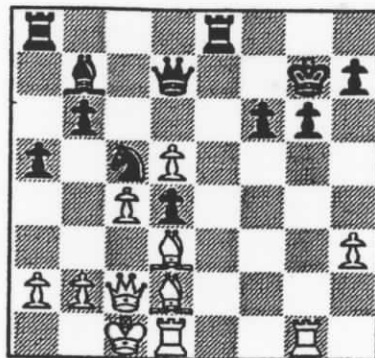
J. Walter 1515 Arnot 1197
Groundhog Action Open
 2/6/94 Round 5
Pirc Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Be2 O-O 6. f4 c5 7. d5 Nbd7 8. Nf3 Re8 9. e5 Ng4 10. h3 Nh6 11. c2 Nf5 12. g4 Nd4 13. Nd4 cd4 14. Ne4 de5

15. fe5 Be5 16. Rf1 b6 17. Bd2 Nc5 18. O-O-O Bb7 19. Ng5 Bf6



20. Nxf7! Kxf7 21. g5 Kg7 22. gxf6+ exf6 23. Bd3 a5 24. Rg1 Qd7



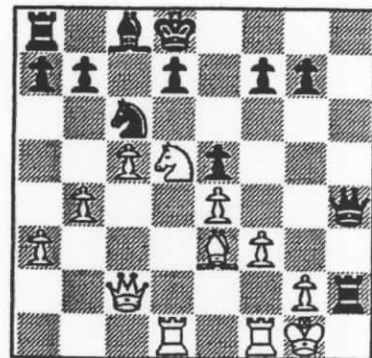
25. Bxg6! hxg6 26. Qxg6+ Kf8 27. Qxf6+ Qf7 28. Bh6 mate

Brennan 1829 Johansson 2060
Groundhog Action Open
 2/6/94 Round 5
Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. Bc4 d5 3. ed5 Nd5 4. Nc3 e6 5. Qf3 Nb6 6. Bb3 Nc6 7. Nge2 Be7 8. d3 O-O 9. O-O Bf6 10. Ne4 Nd4 11. Nd4 Bd4 12. c3 Bf6 13. d4 Be7 14. Bc2 g6 15. Bh6 Re8 16. Rad1 Nd5 17. c4 Nf6 18. Ng5 Bf8 19. Bf8 Rf8 20. Qh3 Kg7 21. Qc3 Qe7 22. Rfe1 h6 23. Nf3 Kh7 24. Ne5 Nd7 25. Ng4 Qg5 26. Qf3 f5 27. Ne3 Nf6 28. h3 Rb8 29. Nf1 b5 30. c5 Nh5 31. Qc6 Bb7 32. Qc7 Kg8 33. Ng3 Rfc8 34. Qd6 Black's flag falls.

J. Crooks 1220 Scarff 1721
Groundhog Action Open
 2/6/94 Round 5
Nimzo Indian Defense
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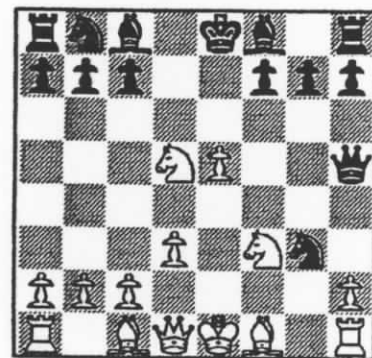
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 c5 5. Nf3 cd4 6. Nd4 Qb6 7. e3 O-O 8. Bd2 Bd6 9. Na4 Qd8 10. Bd3 Re8 11. O-O Ng4 12. Nf3 Qf6 13. Bh7 Kf8 14. c5 Bh2 15. Nh2 Nh2 16. Kh2 Qh6 17. Kg1 Ke7 18. Rad1 Rh8 19. e4 Qh7 20. f3 Nc6 21. Bf4 e5 22. Be3 Qg6 23. Nc3 Qg3 24. Nd5 Kd8 25. a3 Rh2 26. b4 Qh4 (seeing 27... Rh1++)



27. Bg5+! Qxg5 28. Kxh2 Nd4 29. Qc4 Qh4 30. Kg1 Qg3 31. Rd4 ed4 32. Qd4 Qg6 Draw agreed.

Smith 2117 Long 1858
Groundhog Action Open
 2/6/94 Round 5
Vienna Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f4 d5 4. fxe5 Nxe4 5. d3 Qh4+ 6. g3 Nxc3 7. Nf3 Qh5 8. Nxd5



8... Na6? (8...Bg4) 9. Nf4! Qh6 10. Ne2 Qc6 11. Nxc3 Bg4 12. Be2 Nb4 13. c3 Nd5 14. h3 Be6 15. Nd4 Qc5 16. Ne6 fe6 17. d4 Qc6 18. Bg5 Nc3 19. bc3 Qc3 20. Kf2 Bb4 21. Qd3 O-O 22. Kg2 Qc6 23. Bf3 Qb6 24. Rab1 Qa5 25. Qc4 Black resigns

Nowak 2233 Shuck 1718
Valentine Open
2/12/94 Round 2
Benko Opening

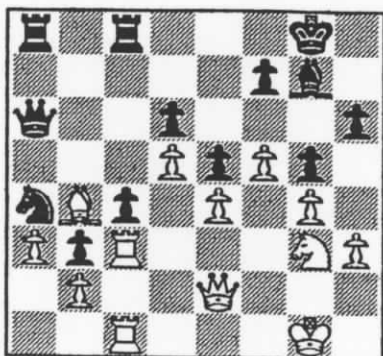
1. g3 d5 2. Bg2 Nf6 3. d3 Nc6 4. c3 g6 5. Qc2 e5 6. Bg5 Bg7 7. Nd2 Qd6 8. Ngf3 h6 9. Bf6 Bf6 10. O-O O-O 11. e4 Be6 12. Rfe1 Rac8 13. a3 Rfd8 14. Rad1 d4 15. c4 b6 16. b4 Be7 17. Nb3 a6 18. h3 Bf6 19. Kh2 Na7 20. Nbd4 c5 21. bc5 Rc5 22. Nb3 Rc7 23. Qb2 Be7 24. Ra1 f6 25. Bf1 Qd7 26. Red1 Bc5 27. d4 ed4 28. Nbd4 Re8



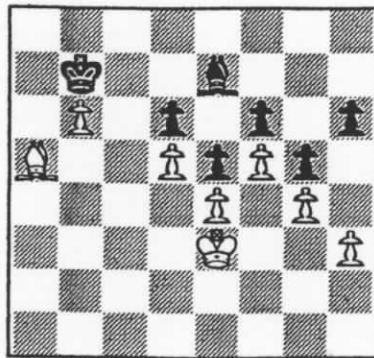
29. Nb5 Black resigns.

Shuck 1718 Moore 1635
Valentine Open
2/12/94 Round 3
Pirc Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. Bg5 Nbd7 7. Bd3 c5 8. d5 Ne5 9. Nge2 a6 10. f4 Nd3 11. Qd3 h6 12. Bh4 Qc7 13. h3 Bd7 14. g4 e5 15. f5 g5 16. Bf2 b5 17. cb5 c4 18. Qf3 ab5 19. Ng3 b4 20. Nce2 Rfc8 21. O-O Bb5 22. Rfc1 Qa5 23. Be1 Qa4 24. a3 b3 25. Nc3 Qa6 26. Nb5 Qb5 27. Bb4 Qb6 28. Qf2 Qa6 29. Rc3 Nd7 30. Rac1 Nb6 31. Qe2 Na4



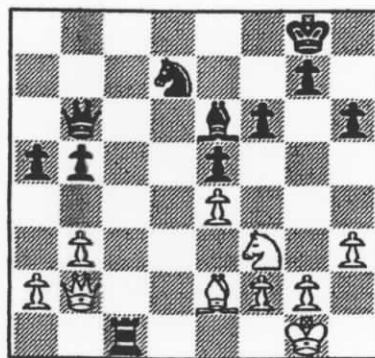
32. Rc4 Rc4 33. Qc4 Qc4 34. Rc4 Nb2 35. Rc3 Bf8 36. Rb3 Nc4 37. Rc3 Rc8 38. Nf1 f6 39. Nd2 Nb6 40. Rc8 Nc8 41. a4 Kf7 42. a5 Ke7 43. Nc4 Kd7 44. Nb6 Nb6 45. ab6 Kc8 46. Kf2 Kb7 47. Ba5 Be7 48. Ke3



48... Bd8 49. Bb4 Be7 50. Ba5 Bd8
Draw agreed.

McBroom 1611 Shuck 1718
Valentine Open
2/13/94 Round 5
Alekhine's Defense

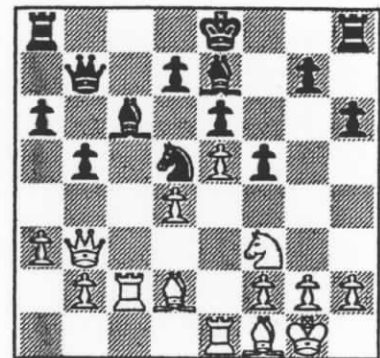
1. e4 Nf6 2. d3 d5 3. Nd2 de4 4. de4 e5 5. Ngf3 Bd6 6. Bc4 Bg4 7. O-O O-O 8. c3 a5 9. Re1 Nbd7 10. Qc2 c6 11. b3 b5 12. Be2 Be6 13. c4 Qb6 14. Nf1 Bc5 15. Be3 h6 16. Bc5 Qc5 17. Ne3 Qb6 18. Rac1 Ng4 19. Ng4 Bg4 20. cb5 cb5 21. h3 Be6 22. Qb2 f6 23. Rc2 Rac8 24. Rc8 Rc8 25. Rc1 Rxc1+



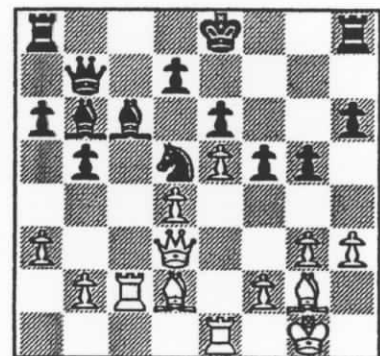
Draw agreed.

Moore 1635 Nowak 2233
Valentine Open
2/13/94 Round 5
Sicilian Defense
Next column

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. c3 Nf6 4. e5 Nd5 5. d4 e6 6. Be2 Be7 7. O-O cd4 8. cd4 f6 9. Bd2 Qc7 10. Nc3 Nc3 11. Bc3 Nb4 12. a3 Nd5 13. Rc1 Qb8 14. Bd2 b5 15. Qb3 a6 16. Rc2 Bb7 17. Rfc1 Bc6 18. Bd3 Qb7 19. Re1 f5 20. Bf1 h6



21. Nh4?? Bxh4 22. g3 Bd8 23. Bg2 Bb6 24. Qd3 g5 25. h3



And now, Greg gives Sherwood back a piece. Is it a blunder? Or is it simplifying for a superior endgame? What do you think?

25...Nf4 26. Bxc6 Nxd3 27. Bxb7 Nxe1 28. Bxe1 Rb8 29. Bxa6 Bxd4 30. Bc3 Bxc3 31. Rxc3 Ke7 32. Rb3 d6 33. exd6+ Kxd6 34. Bxb5 e5 35. a4 e4 36. Re3 Kd5 37. b3 Rhc8 38. Kg2 Rc2 39. Bd7 f4 40. gf4 gf4 41. Re1 Rb3 42. Bf5 Rc4 43. Ra1 Rb2 44. a5 Rc7 45. a6 Rg7 46. Kf1 f3 47. a7?? Rxa7 White resigns.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1ST ANNUAL THUNDER LIZARD GRAND PRIX MARCH 12, 13, 1994

30 Grand Prix points available 30
\$2,000 PRIZE FUND GUARANTEED!

West Bank Inn, 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, ID 83401. 5 Round Swiss. Time control: G/2. Rounds: 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00am, 2:00pm. Registration: 7:30 - 8:45am Saturday March 12th. Three sections: **OPEN SECTION** (open to all who wish to enter). EF \$30 if by 3/11, \$5 more at door. All players rated above 2400 entry paid by Thunder Lizard Chess Club. Open Section prizes: \$600 - 300 - 150 over all, Experts \$175 - 75, A's \$150 - 65. **RESERVE SECTION** (open to all rated below 1800). EF \$30 if by 3/11, \$5 more at door. Reserve Section prizes: B's \$125 - 50, C's \$100 - 35. **UNDER 1400 SECTION** (open to all rated below 1400). EF \$20 if by 3/11, \$5 more at door. Under 1400 Section prizes: D's \$75 - 25, E's \$50 - 20. 1/2 point byes available for any one round (Requests for bye must be made prior to round one 1). Visa or Mastercard entries accepted by mail, at site, or by phone - Call (208) 523-5117. NS, NC, W. For advance registration or info: Thunder Lizard Chess Club and Game Store, 575 1st St., Idaho Falls, ID 83401 - or call Jack Stanton at (208) 523-5117 during the day.

AND - IGOR IVANOV SIMUL MARCH 11, 1994

Simul starts at 7:00pm, Friday at the West Bank Inn. Open to the first fifty (50) entries. EF \$10.

NORTHERN WYOMING CHESS FESTIVAL MARCH 25, 26 & 27, 1994

Sheridan Holiday Inn, Sheridan, WY. **Friday, March 25:** Six Round Quick Chess (G10) Open. \$ Prizes b / entries. EF \$7 if by 3/24/94, \$10 at site. Reg: 6:00-6:45pm; Round one begins at 7:00pm. **Also Friday, March 25:** Five Round Swiss Blitz Open (G/5). \$ Prizes b/entries. EF \$5 (Free entry to those entered in G/10 & Main Event!) Reg: 9:15pm; Games begin at 9:30. Pairings b / USCF Quick chess ratings, non-rated. **MAIN EVENT: SAT & SUN, March 26 & 27** Sheridan Holiday Inn Open: 5 Round Swiss/ Full K. Time control: Rounds one - three G/2, Four & five: 40/2, G/60. Three sections (b / min. six players per section): **Open:** Open to all, \$100 first; \$75 second; EF \$17.50. **Reserve:** Open to < 1800; \$75 first, \$50 second; EF \$15. **Amateur:** Open to < 1400; \$50 first, \$25 second; EF \$10. Registration (all sections): 9:00-9:45am March 26. Rounds: 10:00am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:00am, 2:00pm. \$375 prize fund b / 30 players (50% guaranteed). All entries due by 3/24/94. Add \$5 for late entry in each section of main event. Unrated players play for 50% entry in Amateur section. Special Motel Rates: \$44 (Up to four in room). Motel Phone: (307) 672-8931; Ask for Chess Block by 2/24/94 for special rate. For advance registration or info: Rocky Mountain Chess, P.O. Box 1508, Mills, WY 82644 (Please include USCF rating & ID # or call Tom Uptain (307) 235-5705

SECOND ANNUAL HOT SPRINGS OPEN APRIL 8, 9 & 10, 1994

Holiday Inn, Thermopolis, WY. **Friday, April 8:** Quick Chess Championship (G/15) Open to all. Format: < 9 players-Round Robin, 9 or more: Swiss. Prizes b / entries. EF \$7 if by 4/7/94. Add \$3 for late entry. Reg 6-6:45pm, Round one: 7:00pm. **Main Event: SAT & SUN, April 9 & 10:** 4 Round Swiss: Time control: 40/2, 20/1. Three sections: **Open:** Open to all, \$100 First plus free overnight stay for two / champagne. EF \$20. **Reserve:** Open to < 1800, \$75 First. EF \$17.50. **Amateur:** Open to < 1400 \$50 First. EF \$12.50. Prizes increased per entries each section: All entries due 4/7/94, \$7.50 more for late entry in each section. Registration: 9-9:45 Sat. April 9. Rounds: 10:00am, 5:00pm, 9:00am, 3:00pm. Special Hotel Rates: \$45 (Up to four in room by 3/29). Be sure to ask for Chess Block! For advance registration or info: Steve Smith, 526 W. 7th, Powell, WY 82435 (307) 754-7080 or Tom Uptain (307) 235-5705

NORTHWEST GREAT CHESS CHALLENGE APRIL 9, 1994

70 board simultaneous exhibition in a beautiful setting by Gregory Nowak, American Chess Master, Montana State Chess Champion. Location: McKay's on the river (banquet room), 1111 E. Broadway, Missoula, MT Time: 11:00am till finished, April 9. EF \$10 (early bird), \$15 at door. Prizes: \$30 (gift certificates) / wins, \$15 (gift certificates) / draws. Bring own sets (tournament size). Prizes will be held for a high quality wooden chess set, chess books and other chess items (Only Earlybirds qualify for drawings). Good food and drink will be available. Come enjoy the view and see a record-breaking performance. Contact: Greg Nowak, P.O. Box 8572 Hellgate, Missoula, MT 59807 or call: (406) 549-7805 Between 9-12pm daily.

CROCUS OPEN APRIL 23, 24, 1994

Room 362, Social Science Building, University of Montana, Missoula, MT. 5 Round Swiss. Time control: G/2. Rounds: 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00am, 1:00pm. Registration: 7:30 - 8:00am April 23. EF \$10 if rec. by 4/21, \$20 at site. \$\$ G 160 - 1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20, Biggest Upset \$20 (Both players must have nonprovisional rts). MCA membership required (\$6), other states OK. No smoking, No computers, Wheelchair accessible. For advance registration or info: Donald Gisselbeck, 10455 Point Six Rd., Missoula, MT 59802. (406) 549-4426.

MAY EVE OPEN APRIL 30, 1994

Room 106 E, Student Union Building, MSU Bozeman, MT. 4 SS. Time control: G/90. Rounds: 9am, 12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:30pm. Reg: 8:15 - 8:45am Apr. 30. EF \$10 if rec. by 4/28 (No phone entries) \$15 at site. Prizes: \$ per entries. MCA memb. reqd. (\$6) O.S. OK. NS, NC, W. For advance reg./info: Steve Scarff 214 S. Church Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 586-4479

MAY DAY ACTION OPEN MAY 1, 1994

Room 106 E, Student Union Building, MSU Bozeman, MT. 5 SS. Time control: G/30 (Full K). Rounds: 9am, 10:15am, 11:30am, 1:15pm, 2:30pm. Reg: 8:15 - 8:45am May 1. EF \$10 if rec. by 4/28 (No phone entries) \$15 at site. Prizes: \$ / entries. MCA memb. reqd. (\$6) O.S. OK. NS, NC, W. Adv. reg./info: Steve Scarff 214 S. Church Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 586-4479



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