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Since the Montana State Open in May, 2001, the Montana chess scene has belonged to MCA President Jan Johansson and Western Vice President Dan McCourt. Since May, Jan and Dan have won or shared the lead in all 6 major MCA tournaments. Jan Johansson is the 2001 - 2002 Montana State Champion, the Quick Chess Champion, and the Blitz Champion. Dan McCourt is the new Montana Action Champion, the Barto Memorial Champion, and he tied for first in the Chinook Open.

More information on these tournaments can be found inside. Jan Johansson has commented on several of his games. Dan McCourt reports on the Triple Header, and Thad Suits has provided information on the Chinook. That is not all for Jan.

On September 22, 2001 Jan Johansson traveled to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to play in the Governor's Cup. The state champions from each of the 50 states are invited to play in this tournament and South Dakota gives money to the players to help pay for costs. This annual event attracts a very strong field. The Governor's Cup comes in September every year, and even though Montana's State Closed occurs prior to the Governor's Cup, Montana sends its previous State Champion to this tournament. Last

year's State Champion was Alex Dawson, however, since he could not attend, co-champion Jan Johansson represented Montana. Jan played GM Patrick Wolff and two FMs. Jan scored 1.5 in this top class tournament. Jan's game against GM Wolff is in this issue.

In other news, President Jan Johansson is asking the various committees to report to the Board by November 1, 2001. These committees were formed at the State Open business meeting last May. Here are the committees and their members.

Membership Committee: Devin Gray, Aldin Barnes, and Robert Peterson.
Steve Rasmussen

Tournament Committee: Alex Dawson, Michael Long, and Nick Warner.

Proxy Committee: Michael Lyon, Michael Long, Nick Warner, and Aldin Barnes.

Non-Profit Committee: Alex Dawson, David Duke, and Aldin Barnes.

Johansson plays GM Wolff at Governor's Cup

On September 20, 2001 Jan Johansson traveled to Souix City, South Dakata to play in the annual Governor's Cup. The tournament results were 1st and 2nd: GM Wojtkiewicz, GM Shulman with 4.5 points; 3rd - 6th: GM Ivanov, GM Wolff, IM Donaldson, FM Tate with 4.0 points.

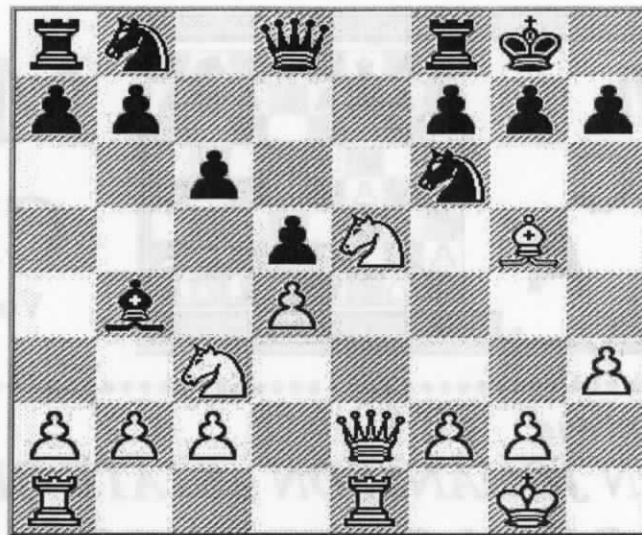
Don Joelson from Wyoming came in 14th with 3 points. Jan came in 33rd with 1.5 points.

During the 5 round tournament, Jan played GM Patrick Wolff and 2 FMs. Jan had a lot fun and got "three free lessons." Jan said it was a pleasure to meet and play GM Wolff. After their game, GM Wolff took the time to review the game with Jan.

Here is the game with Jan's comments.

Patrick Wolff (2570) - Jan Johansson (2023) [B07]
Governor's Cup, 9.20.2001

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 (Considered to be harmless by theory. If White is playing for an advantage he needs to play 4. f4.) **4...Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 d5 7.h3 Bh5 8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Be7** (9. . . dxe4 has been tried.) **10.exd5 exd5** (Note that 10. . . cxd5? fails because of 11. Qb5+.) **11.Re1 0-0 12.Bg5 Bb4?** (Wolff showed me that this was my main mistake, correct is 12 . . Re8 13. Qf3 h6 14. Bh4 Nbd7.)**[See diagram at the top of next column] 13.Qf3 Qd6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.Ng4 Nd7 17.Re3 Rfe8** (17. . . Rae8 18. Rg3 Kh8) **18.Rg3 Kh8 19.Nh6 Re7 20.Kf1 Rae8 21.Nf5 Re6 22.Ng7 Bd6 23.Rg4 f5**



(Note, 23 . . h5 24.Nxh5 f5 25. Rg5) **24.Nxe8 fxe4 25.Nxd6 Rxd6 26.hxg4** (White saddled Black with a double pawn on move 15, now he is one pawn up. Even if White's extra pawn is doubled, White safely and methodically increases his advantage.) **26...Kg7 27.f3 Re6 28.Ne2 Nb6 29.Nf4 Re8 30.b3 Nc8 31.Kf2 Nd6 32.a4 a5 33.g5 h6 34.gxh6+ Kxh6 35.Rh1+ Kg7 36.g4 f6 37.Rc1 Rh8 38.c4 dxc4 39.bxc4 Rh2+ 40. Ng2 Kf8 41.Kg3 Rh7 42.Ne3 Re7 43.Kf4 Rd7 44.c5 Ne8 45.Ke4 Nc7 46.Rh1 Kg8 47.Rh6 Re7+ 48.Kd3 Ne8 49.Nc4** (White is winning and I could have given up here, but I decided to play a few more moves, despite the fact that he gave me one of those are-you-not-going-to-give-up-yet looks) **49...Re1 50.Nxa5 Ra1 51.Nxb7 Kg7 52.Rh2 Rxa4 53.Nd8 Ra3+ 54.Ke4 f5+ 55.Kxf5 Rxf3+ 56.Ke4 Rg3 57.Kf4** (Black resigns)1-0

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2001 TRIPLE-HEADER ACTION

Dan McCourt - Western V.P.

The 2001 Triple-Header Action Chess events were held in Helena, August 16th and 17th. A total of 13 people attended. Sunday morning they were visited by a four-point mule deer in velvet. Participants munched pizza and doughnuts and washed it all down with gallons of soda pop and coffee. A good time was had by all. Perhaps more members would have been able to attend, but notice was short — for which the organizers apologize [and editor]. We will strive to cover such details better in the future.

Jan Johansson turned in the best and most decisive score of the weekend winning the Saturday night Blitz event with a perfect 11-0-0. Dan McCourt and Alex Dawson finished a “distant” 2nd and 3rd with 9 1/2 and 9 points respectively.

Jan also turned in the best “come-back” by winning the Sunday quick-chess section with a 4-1 score. In the morning’s first round, twelve-year old Kirk Lundby emerged from a time scramble with the Johansson queen and delivered checkmate shortly after. A 640 point upset! Rivals and pretenders to the crown took early delight but gradually all were bowed before the Johansson jauggernaut.

In game/ 30 Action chess, Mark Kende

was also undefeated but a 1/2 point bye and a last round draw with Sherwood Moore left him tied with Dan McCourt at 4-1. Unlike more civilized forms of the game, the jungle rules of action chess call for — more action chess, of course, in order to break ties. It was here that Kende finally stumbled and McCourt’s 5-minute victory gained him the “turtle” trophy for winning the “slowest” time control of the weekend.

Kirk Lundby, buoyed by his stunning quick-chess upset of Johansson, came away with the biggest rating gain, adding on 130 points. Kirk also finished a clear 4th in the Saturday night speedo.

Thanks to Mel Drake for searching out the playing site and securing tables and chairs. Mel had a lot of help from Nick Warner with the grunt labor. Thanks, Nick! Lastly, thanks and a big tip of the MCA cap to Arnold’s Physical Therapy for letting us use their space.

Note from the Editor.

The crosstables for the Action (G/30) and Quick (G/15) championships are found on page 12. Due to the space needed for a 12 person round-robin crosstable, I did not publish the Blitz (G/5) crosstable. In sum, Jan Johansson came in first with 11 points. Jan did not lose a game. Dan McCourt came in second with 9.5 points. Dan’s only loss was to Johansson and his draw was with Aldin Barnes. Alex Dawson came in third with 9 points. Alex’s only two losses were to Johansson and McCourt.

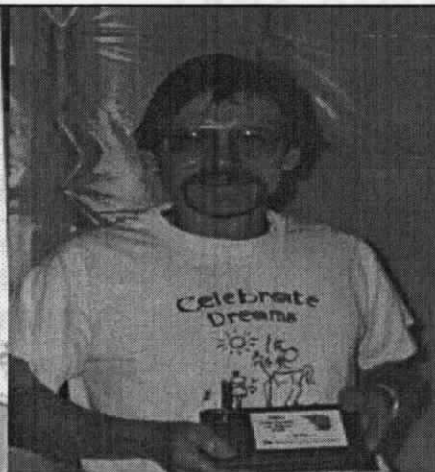
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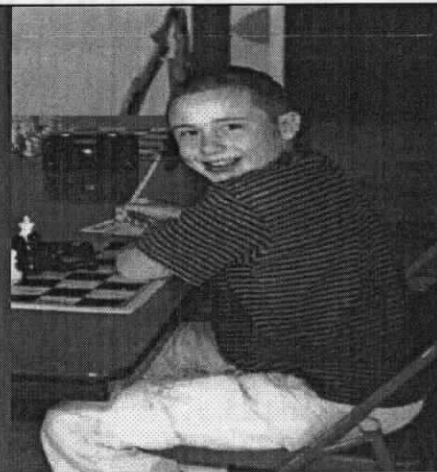
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G/15: Lundby v. Johansson 1-0

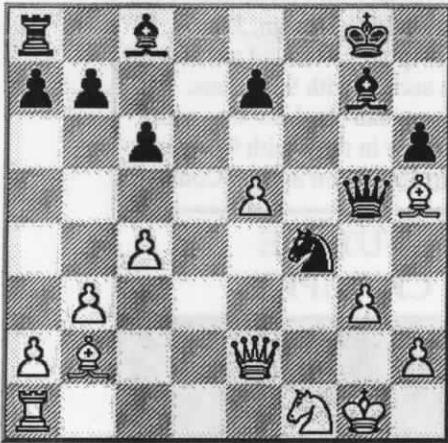
TRIPLE HEADER GAMES

Notes and games provided by
Jan Johansson.

This Quick game (G/15)
between Jan Johansson and Dan
McCourt came in the last round.
This is the decisive game and
very interesting indeed.

Jan Johansson - Dan McCourt
[A81] Dutch Defense G15,
8.19.2001

**1.Nf3 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d6 4.d4
c6 5.0-0 g6 6.Nbd2 Bg7 7.b3 0-0
8.Bb2 Na6 9.e3 Nc7 10.c4 h6
11.Nh4 Qe8 12.e4 f4 13.e5 dxe5
14.dxe5 Nh5 15.Bf3! fxd3 16.
fxg3 Ne6 17.Nxg6 Qxg6** (Fritz
suggests either ... Nxg3 or ...
Rxf3) **18.Bxh5 Rxf1+ 19.Nxf1
Qg5 20.Qe2 Nf4!** Black is
winning a piece.



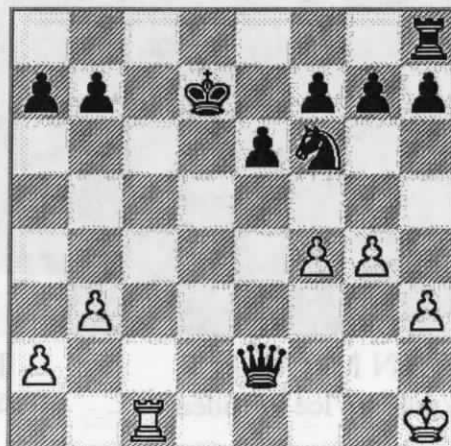
21.Bf7+!? An attempt to swindle.
21...Kxf7? (White's swindle
worked. Black wins a piece
21... Kf8! 22. Qe4 [22. Qf3
Nh3+ 23. Kg2 Bg4 24. Qe4
Kxf7 -+] 22... Nh3+ 23. Kg2
Bf5 24. Qf3 Bg4 and 25...
Kxf7+) **22.Qf3 Kg8 23.Qxf4
Qxf4 24.gxf4 Bf5 25.Ne3 e6 26.
Nxf5** With a won ending for
White. **26...exf5 27.Rd1 Rf8**

28. Ba3 Rf7 (Fritz says Black
has to stay on the back rank with
either ... Re8 or ... Ra8. **29.
Rd8+ Kh7 30.e6 Rc7 31.e7 Bf6
32.e8Q** Black resigns 1-0.

This next game is between Jason
Ames and Kirk Lundby in the
Action (G/30).

Jason Ames - Kirk Lundby [B01]
Triple Header, Action, 8.18.2001

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 c6 3.dxc6 Nxc6
4.Nc3 Be6 5.b3 Bd5?!** In the
opening, the general rule is a
player should not move the same
piece twice. The idea is to
develop his pieces. Black goes
on to win this game, however, in
theory, Black cannot afford this
move because it loses a tempo
and gives up a bishop, after he
gambited a pawn on the second
move. **6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.Bc4?**
(Bb2) **7...Qd6?** (Qe5+ forks the
K and R) **8.d4 Nxd4 9.c3 Qe5+
10.Be2 0-0-0 11.cxd4 Rxd4 12.
Bb2?** (White should first move
his Q out of harm's way with the
nice checking move - Qc2+) **12...
Rxd1+ 13.Rxd1 Qxb2 14.Nf3 e6
15.Nd2 Bb4 16.0-0 Bxd2 17.f4
Be3+ 18.Kh1 Qxe2 19.Rc1+
Bxc1 20.Rxc1+ Kd7 21.h3 Nf6
22.g4** Fritz says Black to move,
Mate in 5.



The Mate in 5 is: **22...Ne4
23.Rg1 Rc8 24.Rg2 Rc1+ 25.
Kh2 Qd1 26.Rf2 Qh1#.
22...Ne4 23.Kg1 Qf2+ 24.Kh1
Ng3# 0-1**

This following game oc-
curred in the first round of the
Quick Championship, which is a
game in 15 minutes. Kirk shows
a lot of poise for a 12 year old.
State Champion Jan Johansson
sends his personal congratula-
tions.

Kirk Lundby - Jan Johansson
[B07] Triple Header, Quick,
8.18.2001

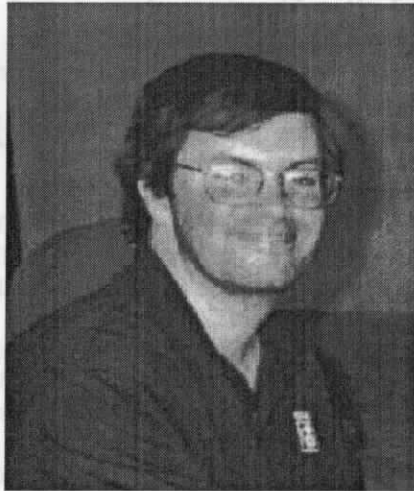
**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.f3 Nbd7
4.Bf4 e5 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Bg5
Be7 7.Nc3 0-0** Fritz suggested
Black wins a pawn with 7...
Nxe4 8. Bxe7 Nxc3 9. Bxd8
Nxd1 10. Rxd1 Kxd8. This
wholesale liquidation does not
suite everyone. Black's K is left
in the middle. **8.Qd2 c6 9.Bc4
b5 10.Bd3 Nb6 11.Rd1 Be6
12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Nfd7 14.
Nf3 Bc5** Trying to slow down
White's ability to castle. **15.g3**
White should play Be3,
trade Bs and castle. **15...Bg4
16.Rf1 Qe7 17.e5 Nxe5 18.
Bxe5 Bxf3 19.Rxf3 Qxe5+
20.Kf1 f5 21.Re1 Qd4** The
scoresheet ends here. Later
in time trouble, Black
hanged his Q and was soon
mated as well. 1-0

Good Job Kirk. Keep
up the good work!

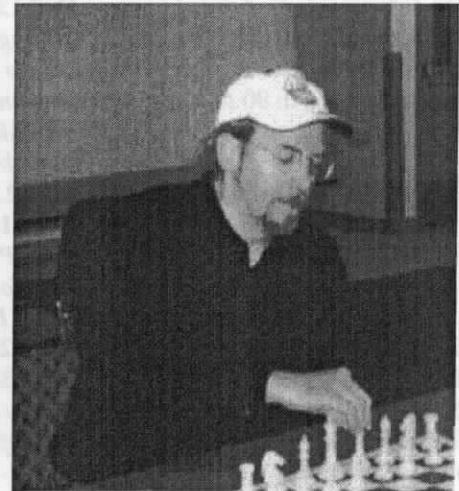
In the Action (G/30) tournament, Mark Kende and Dan McCourt tied for first with 4 points each. Dan took the title only after a Blitz play-off. In their meeting during the tournament, the two play the following sharp and exciting game with Mark coming out on top.

Mark Kende (1948) - Dan McCourt (1648) [A80] G/30 Action Championship

1.d4 f5 2.g4 fxc4 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.h3 d6 5. e3 c6 6.Bd3 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 e5 8.Bg3 Be7 9.hxc4 Bxc4 10.Bg6+ Kf8 11.f3 Be6 12.Qd3 exd4 13.exd4 Qg5 14.f4 Qa5 15.Nf3 Bf7 16.Bxf7 Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8?! 18.Qe3 Qc7 19.Qe6+ (Black resigns - mate the next move)



Mark Kende had an excellent Action (G/30) tournament, which included a victory over the Jan Johansson. Mark tied for first with Dan McCourt. (4-1)



Alex Dawson was last year's Montana State Champion. While this year's Closed was not as good for Alex, he still played spirited chess.

JAN JOHANSSON, 2001 - 2002 MONTANA STATE CHAMPION

On the weekend of September 15, 16, 2001 the MCA held its Montana State Closed and the Barto Memorial. The State Closed was a 6 person invitational tournament, played in a round-robin format. Jan Johansson turned in a strong performance to become the 2001 - 2002 State Champion.

After 4 rounds, Jan had 4 points. No one could touch him. Mike Jensen was the closest competitor. After 4 rounds, Mike had 2.5 points.

The players and the MCA give many thanks to Sherwood Moore, who directed both the Closed and the Barto. Sherwood did not play in the tournaments, which highlights his efforts, contributions, and support to the MCA. Thanks Sherwood!

The following pages are some of the games from the Closed. Jan Johansson has made comments on his games and a few others.

Jan had this to say about the Closed. "My performance at this year's Closed was greatly helped by my opponents' trouble with time. [Michael] Long failed to make 30 moves in 1.5 hours and lost on time in a position that was far from lost. [Alex] Dawson lost a pawn in great time trouble at the first

2001 Montana State Closed									
#	Name	Rtng	No. .1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. .6	Tot
1	Jan Johansson	2023	X	1	1	1	.5	1	4.5
2	Alex Dawson	2044	0	X	0	0	.5	.5	1.0
3	Michael Lyon	1878	0	1	X	0	0	1	2.0
4	David Duke	1878	0	1	1	X	0	1	3.0
5	M. Jensen	1843	.5	.5	1	1	X	0	3.0
6	Michael Long	1762	0	.5	0	0	1	X	1.5

The highlight of Round One, and one of the best games of the Closed, was the struggle between Alex Dawson and Mike Jensen. Alex opened with d4 and Mike defended with a Kings' Indian Defense. White expanded King side while Black expanded Queen side. The race was on. Mike's dark squared Bishop plays a dual role of defender and attacker.

time control and at the end of the game he had again much less time, which made it hard for him to defend his position, where he still was one pawn down. [Michael Runge] Lyon had only used 45 minutes for the whole game when I mated him on the 30th move, maybe he used too little time. [David] Duke also was in time trouble at each time control. He survived the first time control miraculously but my position was too strong and when his time at the end of the game was running out I took advantage of that."

ROUND ONE

J.Johansson v. Long 1-0
A.Dawson v. M. Jensen .5-.5
M. Lyon v. D. Duke: 0-1

Alex Dawson - Michael Jensen [E74] MT State Closed, 9.15.2001
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5. Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 h6 8.Be3 Qa5 9.Qd2 Kh7 10.f3 Na6 11.h4 Bd7 12. Nh3 Nc7 13.Nf2 a6 14.g4 b5 15.f4 bxc4 16.h5 gxh5 17.g5 Ng4 18.f5 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Bd4 20.Qh3?! (Fritz says either Qd2 or Qc1) 20...Rh8?! (Fritz - Black's attack is first with 20. . . . Rab8) 21.Rc1 Nb5 22.Qxh5 Be8 23.f6 Kg8 24.Ng4?! (either gxh6 or Rg1) 24...Nxc3 25.bxc3 Bxc3+ 26. Kf1 Bd4 (This is the dual purpose Bishop) 27. fxe7 Qd2 28.Nxh6+ Kg7 (Fritz says . . . Rxh6 leads to a definite Black advantage as the Black Q and his 2 Bs over run White's position.) 29. Nf5+ Kg8 30.Nh6+ Kg7 31.Rb1 c3 32.Kg2 Qf4 33.Bf3 Qd2+ 34.Be2 Qf4 35.Bf3 Draw Agreed Upon 1/2 - 1/2

In Jan Johansson's first round game, Michael Long gets confused with the time controls, and does not make the mandatory 30 moves in 90 minutes. Otherwise the game is even.

Jan Johansson (2023) - Michael Long (1762) [C00] State Closed, Round 1, 9.15.01 (JJ - comments by Jan Johansson)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Ng3?! (Much better is 5. Nxf6 Qxf6 6. d4 - JJ) c5 6.Bc4 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.d3 Na5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 h6 12.Ne5 Bd6 13.Bd2 Bxe5 14.Rxe5 Qc7 15.Re1 b6 16.Nh5 Nxb5 17.Qxh5 f5?! (Creates a hole at g6 and a back ward pawn on the half open e file. Fritz says either Rd8 or Bb7; Weakens the dark squares and saddles Black with a weak pawn on e6 - JJ) 18. Ra4 Qf7 19.Qe2 Bd7 20.Raa1 a5 21. Bf4 Rfe8 22.Bc7 Bc6 23.Qe5 Rac8 24. Bd6?! (Correct is 24. Bxb6 Bxg2 25. Rxa5 with a complicated game, which seems to favor White. Black failed to make his 30th move in 90 minutes.. - JJ) 1-0

ROUND TWO

M. Long v. D. Duke: 0-1
M. Jensen v. M. Lyon: 1-0
J.Johansson v. A. Dawson 1-0

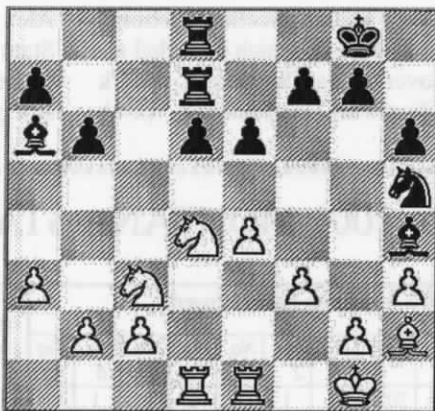
At the end of round two, Johansson and Duke had 2 points, followed by Jensen with 1.5

The following round-two game is between the top two rated players of the tournament. These two tied last year for the crown, with Alex winning on tie-breaks. This year Jan takes the crown.

Jan Johansson (2023) - Alex Dawson (2044) [B53] State Closed, Round 2, 9.15.2001 (JJ - comments by Jan Johansson)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5 e6 9.Rd1 (The Book recommends 9. 0-0-0 but I decided to castle short, to not give Black a target for attack) Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rfe1

Qa5 12.h3 (Here I began to make waiting moves, because I did not know how to improve my position and to save time on the clock. Most of my games with Alex have ended in wild time scrambles, and I wanted to avoid that. - JJ) 12. . . Rfd8 13.Qe3 h6 14.Bh4 Rac8 15.a3 b6 16.Qe2 Qh5 17.Bg3 Rd7 (Possible was 14. . . d5 with an edge for Black - JJ) 18.Rd2 Rcd8 19. Nd4 (Forces Black to trade Queens) Qxe2 20.Rexe2 Bb7 21.f3 Nh5 22.Bh2 Bg5 23.Rd1 Ba6 24.Ree1 Bh4 (Black is clearly better here but he has almost no time left on the clock, while White has plenty - JJ)



25.Re3 g6 (Black can force a draw by moving his Bishop between g5 and h4, because the White Rook can not escape, but it was no risk, not even in the worst time trouble does Alex play for a draw. - JJ) 26.Ndb5 d5 27.Red3 d4? (Black drops a pawn with only seconds on the clock)(Fritz suggested 27. . . Bf6) 28.Rxd4 Rxd4 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Nxd4 Bf6 31.Nc6 Kf8 (Black's best move is probably Bxc3 which gives Black good chances for a draw, but was probably discarded by Alex because it would not have given him any chances to win. - JJ) 32.Bb8 Ke8 33.Bxa7 Bb7 34.Nb4 Bd4+ 35.Kf1 Ng3+ 36.Ke1 Kd7 37. Nd3 Ba6 38.Bb8 (A practical move. I wanted to make sure that my Bishop does not get trapped on a7 -JJ) 38. . . Bxd3 39.cxd3 e5 40.f4 f6 41.a4 Kc8 42.Bd6 Kd7 43.fxex5 fxe5 44.Bf8 (In addition to being 2 pawns up, White also has much more time on the clock - JJ) 44. . . h5 45.Nd5 Bxb2 46.Nxb6+ Kc6 47.Nc4 Bd4 48.Bg7 Kc5 49.Bf8+ Kc6 50.Bd6 Bc3+ 51.Kf2 Nh1+ 52.Kf3 g5 53.Bxe5 Bb4 54.Bd4 Be1 55. a5

Kc7 56. a6 (White's scoresheet ends here. Black resigned when White Queened his e-pawn - JJ) 1-0.

ROUND THREE

D.Duke v. M.Jensen 0-1
A. Dawson v. M. Long .5-.5
M. Lyon v. J.Johansson 0-1

At the end of round three, Johansson had 3 points, Jensen 2.5, and Duke 2. It was now apparent Johansson and Jensen were playing the best chess. Both had already played Dawson with favorable results.

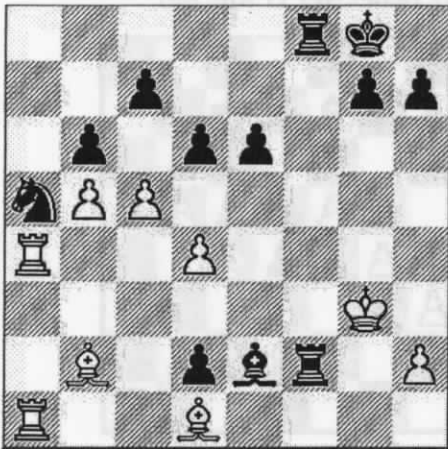
In this round, Jensen had no trouble against Duke. Michael Long played a spirited Benko gambit against Alex Dawson and came away with a clear draw after whittling the position down to several pawns on each side.

The Lyon v. Johansson game saw these two players with the same colors they had when they played in May at the Open. In the Open, Lyon won and went on to place first with a 5-0 record. In this game, Johansson plays the English Defense with the idea of getting Lyon into some different lines as soon as possible. The strategy worked for Jan.

Michael Lyon (1878) - Jan Johansson (2023) [A10] State Closed, Round 3, 9.15.01 (Comments by Jan Johansson)

1.c4 b6 (In the Open, Lyon beat me with the English Opening, so this time I decided to take him out of his comfort zone with a rare defense, called the English defense - JJ) 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.d4 Bb4 5.Bd2 f5 6.a3 Bxc3 7. Bxc3 Nf6 8.e3 0-0 9.b4 (Black is very happy with the opening which has given him control over the key squares e4 and d5) 9. . . a5 10.Be2 Ne4 (Black already has a tiny edge) 11.Bb2 axb4 12.axb4 Nc6 (Better was 12. . . Qe7!) 13.b5 Na5 14.0-0 d6 15.Qc2 Qe7 16.Ra4 (I could not figure out why White doubles his rooks on the a-file, which he can not open) 16. . . Qf7 17.Rfa1 Qg6 18.Bf1 f4 19.Bd3?! (Loses a pawn because of White's Q pin on the g pawn. For example after 19. . . fxe3, White can not recapture 20. fxe3 due to . . . Rxf3.

21.Bxe4. White is now in serious trouble.) 20...Nd2+! 21.Qxd2 Qxg2+! 22.Kxg2 Bxf3+ 23.Kg3? (23.Kf1) 23...exd2 24.Bc2 Be2 25.c5? (25.f4) 25...Rf3+! 26.Kg2 Raf8 27.Bd1? Rxf2+ 28.Kg3 (Black to move, Mate in 5)



28...R8f3+ 29.Kh4 Rxh2+ 30.Kg5 Rf5# (White had 45 minutes left and Black had 15 minutes) 0-1.

In the following Round Three game, Michael Jensen has no problems with Duke's English. Michael skillfully steers a pawn to the 8th rank, which

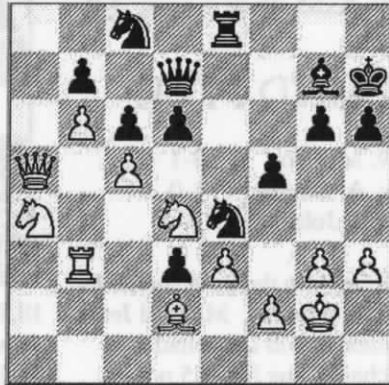


Michael Jensen

requires White to give up a piece. David Duke (1878) - Michael Jensen (1843) [A26] State Closed, 9.15.2001 Comments by D.Duke. *Italics by J. Johansson.*

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d3 0-0 8.Rb1 a5 9.a3 h6 10.Bd2 Be6 11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 Qd7 13.Re1 Bh3 14.Bh1 Ng4 15.Bg2 This was a waste of valuable time

for White. If White wanted to trade Bs it should have done last move. White spent too much time deciding what to do. "He who hesitates is lost." 15... Bxg2 16.Kxg2 f5 17.b5 Ne7 18.h3 Nf6 19.Qc1 Kh7 20.b6 c6 21.Ra1 Rxa1 22.Qxa1 Nc8 23.Qa5 Qd8 24.Rb1 Re8 25.e3 Fritz says e4, which would stop Black's next move. 25...e4 26.Nd4 Qd7 (exd3!) 27.Na4 exd3 28.c5 (Qc3, trying to pick up the passed pawn is a better plan) 28...Ne4 29.Rb3



(At this point I happened to be walking by and saw this very interesting position. Immediately the little combination 29...Nxd2! 30.Qxd2 dxc5 caught my eye, after which White probably has no better than 31.Nf3 c4, because after 31.Nxc5 comes Qd5+ and the Knight is lost. When I now look at this position with fresh eyes I think 29...Bxd4! is even better: 30.exd4 Nxd2-JJ) 29...Re5 30.f4? Played at the end of time controls. This is a poor move. Now Black's N has a safe outpost in White's territory. (Better was 34.Nf3) 30...Rd5 31.Bb4 Bxd4 32.exd4 Rxd4 33.cxd6 d2 34.Nb2 d1Q 35.Nxd1 Rxd1 36.Qa8 Nxd6 37.Ra3 Qc8 38.Qa4 Rd4 39.Qb3 Qg8 40.Qb1 Qc4 41.Bxd6 Qe2+ White resigns (Black mates in 6) 0-1

ROUND FOUR

J.Johansson v. Duke 1-0
A.Dawson v. M. Lyon 0-1
M.Long v. M.Jensen 1-0

Round four came on Sunday morning after a nights rest. At the end of this round, Jan Johansson held a commanding lead with 4 points.

Michael Jensen was in second with 2.5 points.



Michael Lyon

Michael's born name is Michael Runge, however, Michael is a well known radio personallity in Billings, Montana. Michael would prefer to go by the name Michael Lyon.

In this round, Michael Lyon found his old form and won against last year's state champion, Alex Dawson.

Alex Dawson (2044) - Michael Lyon (1878) [A40] State Closed, 9.16.2001 Comments by Jan Johansson.

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.e4 Bb7 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.exd5 Bxd5 7.Nxd5 Qxd5 8.Qa4+ c6 9.Nf3 Nf6 10.Bc4 Qe4+ 11.Kd1 b5 12.Qa5 Qf5 13.Re1+ Be7 14.Bg5 (14. a4! and White seems to be winning whatever Black does. For example: 14...Ne4 15. axb5 0-0 16. b6 Nxf2+ 17. Ke2 Qc2+ 18. Bd2 Qxc4+ 19. Kxf2 Bh4+ 20 Nxh4 Qxd4+ 21. Kf1) 14...h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Qa3? (16. Qc7! 0-0 17. Qxe7 bxc4 18. Qxf6 gxf6 19. Rc1 with clear advantage for White) 16...bxc4 (Now Black takes over) 17.Rc1 Kf8 18.Qe3 Nd7 19.Rxc4 Nb6 20.Rxc6 Qxc6 21. Qxe7+ Kg8 22.Ne5 Qf6 (22...Qd5!) 23.Qb4 Kh7 24.d5 Rad8 25.Qe4+ g6 26.Ng4 Rxd5+ 27.Ke2 (27.Qxd5 Nxd5 28.Nxf6+ Nxf6 29.Re7 would give White better chances to draw) 27... Qxb2+ 28.Kf1 Rf5 29.Qe3 Kg7 30.f3 h5 31.Nf2 Rd8 (Black's material advantage is too big) 32.Ne4 Qd4 33. Ng3 Qxe3? (Black slips but unfortunately for White, Black can afford it, correct is 33...Ra5 and White

could give up) 34.Nxf5+ gxf5 35. Rxe3 Rd1+ 36.Ke2 Rd5 37.Ra3 a5 38. Kf2 a4 39.Kg3 Rd2 40.f4 Rb2 41. Kh3 Kg6 42.Rg3+ Kf6 43.Rc3 Nd5 44. Ra3 Nxf4+ 45.Kh4 (Fritz says Black to move, mate in 3 - 45. . . .Rxb2 46.h3 Rg5 47. Rxa4 Ng6#) 45...Nxb2+ 46. Kg3 h4+ 47.Kh3 (Fritz says Black to move, mate in 4 beginning with Nf4+ and following the same mating pattern as before) 47...Kg5 48.Rf3 Nf4+ White resigns. 0-1.

The following game between Michael Long and Michael Jensen was one of the most important and dynamic games of the tournament. Up until this round the only player with a chance to catch Jan Johansson was Michael Jensen, however, with this win, Michael Long ensures Johansson will be the State Champion.



Michael Long

Michael Long (1762) - Michael Jensen (1843) [B83] State Closed, 9. 16.2001. Comments by Jan Johansson.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be3 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.f4 d5 10.e5 Nd7 11.Qe1 Nc5 12. Qf2 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 b6 14.Bg4 Ba6 15. Rfe1 g6 16.Kh1 Qc7 17.Be2 Bxe2 18. Qxe2 a6 19.a3 Qc6 20.Rad1 Rfb8 21. Qf3 b5 22.b4 (Interesting is 22.f5!? because if 22. . . .exf5 then the d-pawn falls and if 22. . . .gxf5 then g4, in both cases with an intense game!) 22...Nd7 23.Rd3 a5 24.bxa5 Rxa5 (Black has equalized and has an edge) 25.Nb1 (Again, White could consider f5) 25... Ra4 26.Rc3 Rc4 27.Rxc4 Qxc4 28.c3 Ra8 29.g4 Be5 30.Bxc5 Nxc5 31.f5 Qd3 32.Qg2 exf5 33.gxf5 Ra4 34.f6

Re4 35.Qf2 Rxe1+ 36.Qxe1 Qe4+ (36. . . .Qf3+ 37.Kg1 Nd3 38.Qf1 Qe3+ 39.Kh1 Ne1 and White is helpless) 37. Qxe4 Nxe4 38.Kg2 Kf8 39.Kf3 Ke8 40.Ke3 Kd7 41.Kd4 Ke6 (Black still has an edge) 42.a4? (Better is 42.c4 bxc4 43.a4) 42...Ng5? (Black returns the favor, correct is 42. . . .bxa4! 43.c4 Ng5 44.cxd5+ Kf5 45.Kc5 Kxe5 46. Nd2 Kxf6 47.h4 Nh3 48.Ne4+ Ke5 and Black is better) 43.a5 (Now White is winning) 43...Nf3+ 44.Kc5 Nxe5 45. a6 Nd7+ 46.Kxb5 Black resigns. 1-0

ROUND FIVE

M.Long v. M. Lyon 0-1
D.Duke v. A. Dawson 1-0
J.Jensen v. J. Johansson .5-.5

Going into the final round, Jan Johansson had 4 points, Michael Jensen had 2.5 points, David Duke had 2 points, Michael Long had 1.5 points, Michael Lyon had 1 point and Alex Dawson had 1 point.

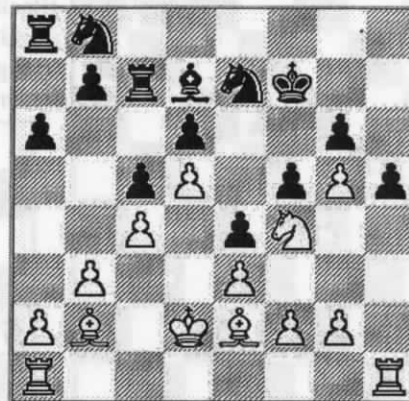
Jensen and Johansson had a draw after 15 moves. Lyon prevailed over Long. Here is my personal highlight of the tournament.

David Duke (1878) - Alex Dawson (2044) [A21] State Closed , 9.16.2001
Comments by David Duke

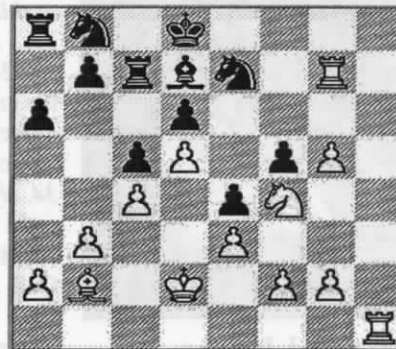
At the Montana State Open in May, 2001 Alex and I played each other with the same colors and the same opening. Alex won. Since the Open, I had gone over that game and found a better move. This time the results are different. Here, White sacs a piece to gain entry into Black's back ranks.

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 f5 4.d4 e4 5. Ng5 c6 6.d5 Be7 7.h4 c5 8.b3 a6 (In some variations, White's Knight eyes b5 for a raid on the Q side, especially if Black's Q gets pulled off toward the King side. I remember during the game I was eyeing Nb5 and when Alex played a6 to prevent it. I figured Alex either reads minds or we were both considering the same variations.) 9.e3 (This move is the major difference between our two games, White's Q can now go to Qh5+ to protect from the

loss of a pawn) 9...Bxg5 10.Qh5+ g6 11.Qxg5 Qxg5 12.hxg5 (Here I thought Black's best plan was to try and place a N at e5 by playing . . . Nd7, followed by Ne5.) 12...h5 13.Bb2 Rh7 14.Ne2 Rc7 (Alex moved this R to the Q-side hoping to start something Q-side. 15. Nf4 Kf7 16.Be2 Ne7 17.Kd2 Bd7



18.Bxh5! White breaks through. I chose to sac the B instead of the N on the intuition a N, being flexible, would serve better in the coming attack. This sac is not really such a surprise. White's Bb2 controls the long diagonal and the Rooks are mobile. Black's pieces will need several moves to unwind from their cramped position.) 18...gxf5 19.Rxh5 Ng8 20.Rh7+ Ke8 21.Rg7 Ne7 22.Rh1 Kd8 Fritz says White to move, Mate in 8.



23. Rh8+ Be8 24. Ne6+ Kd7 25.Rxe7+ Kxe7 26. Bf6+ Kd7 [If 26. . . .Kf7, White mates in two 27. Nd8+ Kg6 28. Rh6#] 27. Rh7+ Bf7 28. Rxf7+ Ke8 29. Rf8+ Kd7 30. Rd8#) 23.Rh8+ Be8 Black sees the coming fork, Ne6+ and resigns. 1-0

In the end, Jan Johansson played the most consistent and dominated the field. Congratulations Jan!

Dan McCourt Wins the 2001 Barto Memorial

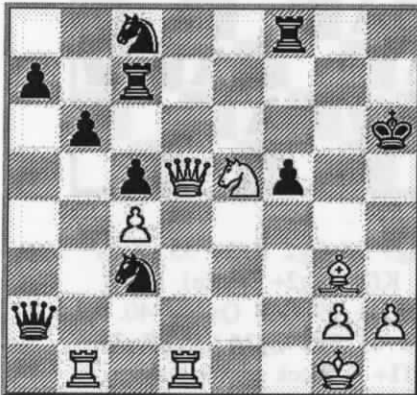
Six players participated in the John Barto Memorial Tournament, held September 15 and 16, 2001 in Bozeman, Montana. This tournament was held in conjunction with the State Closed and actually took place next door to the Closed.

Due to number of players, Tournament Director Sherwood Moore conducted a round robin. Dan McCourt turned in a strong performance, placing first with 4.5 points. Devin Gray placed second with 3 points. Jonni Ammondtd placed 3rd with 2.5 points. Jonni was in town, visiting his stepfather, Jan Johannsson.

In this section of games, I have chosen to publish a win from each of the players and the draw between the top two finishers. Each player had moments of inspiration and are to be congratulated for their effort.

Dan McCourt (1616) - Jonni Ammondtd (1528) [A40] Barto Memorial,

1.e4 e6 2.d4 b6 3.c4 Bb7 4.Nc3 Bb4 5. Bd3 Nf6 6.Qe2 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 h6 8.Nf3 d6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ba3 Nc6 11.e5 Ne8 12. Rfd1 Qd7 13.d5 Ne7 14.Be4 Rb8 15. dxe6 Qxe6 16.Bxb7 Rxb7 17.Nd4 Qd7 18.exd6 Nxd6 19.Nb5 Nec8 20.Qf3 Rb8 21.Nd4 c5 22.Nc6 Rb7 23.Rab1 Rc7 24.Ne5 Qa4 25.Bc1 Qxa2 26.Bf4 g5?! Unnecessarily weakens the pawn structure. 27.Bg3 f5 28.Qd5+ Kg7 29. f4 Ne4 30.fgx5?! Fritz says Qe6 is better. 30...Nxc3 31.gxh6+ Kxh6 Fritz says White to move, Mate in 7.



(The mate in 7 is :32. Qe6+ Kg7 or

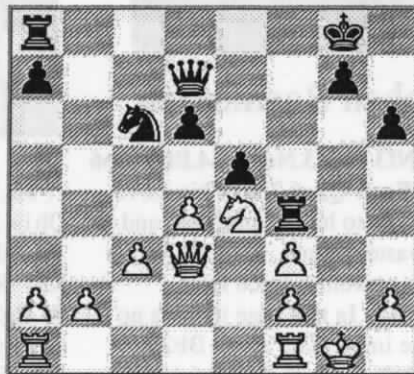
2001 - 2002 Barto Memorial									
#	Name	Rtg	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Tot
1	Devin Gray	1484	X	1	.5	1	0	.5	3.0
2	Mel Drake	1178	0	X	0	.5	1	0	1.5
3	Dan McCourt	1616	.5	1	X	1	1	1	4.5
4	Mike Shyuler	1140	0	.5	0	X	0	1	1.5
5	Steven Rasmussen	1122	1	0	0	1	X	0	2.0
6	Jonni Ammondtd	1762	.5	1	0	0	1	X	2.5

Kh7 33. Qg6+ Kh8 34. Nf7+ Rcx7 35. Be5+ Rf6 36. Bxf6+ Rxf6 37. Rd8+ Rf8 38. Rxf8#.) 32.Qe6+ Kh7 33.Qg6+ Kh8 34.Qh5+ Rh7 35.Ng6+ Kg8 36.Qg5 Ne2+ 37.Kf1 Nxc3+ 38. Qxc3 Qxc4+ 39.Kg1 Rg7 40.h4 Qg4 (? 40. . .f4! 41.Qg4 Qe4 42.h5 Ne7 and Black is winning -J.Johannsson) 41. Qxc4 fxc4 42.Nxf8 Kxf8 43.Rd8+ Black Resigns. 1-0

In this next game, the two top Barto finishers, Dan McCourt and Devin Gray, battle to a draw. Devin has been playing well recently, including his strong performance last May in the State Open. (I'm sorry I do not have a picture of Devin)

Dan McCourt (1616) - Devin Gray (1484) [C50] Barto Memorial,

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 d6 4.c3 Bg4 5. d3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3! Be6 9.Qxb7 Nde7 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11. Qa6 Qd7 12.0-0 Ng6 13.Ne4 Be7 14. Be3 0-0 15.Nfg5 h6 16.Nh3 Nf4 17. Nxf4 exf4 18.Bc5 Bd6 Black does a good job sraightening his pawn structure. 19.Bxd6 cxd6 20.d4 f3 21. Qd3 e5 22.gxf3 Rf4



23.Kh1 White chooses action on the g file, however, Black can handle the threat. Fritz says White's best plan is to liquidate the center with 23.dxe5, which would maintain White's advantage with an extra pawn or two. 23...Raf8 24.Nd2 exd4 25. Rg1 Ne5 26.Qc2 Nxf3 27.Nxf3 Rxf3 28.Rg2 Qb7 29.Kg1 d3 30. Qd2 Kh7 31.Re1 Qf7 32.a3 Re8 33.Rg3 Rxe1+ 34.Qxe1 Rxc3+ 35.hxc3 Qf3 36.Qd2 Qe2 37.Qf4 d2 38.Qf5+ Kg8 39.Qd5+ Kh7 40.Qf5+ Kg8 41.Qd5+ Kf8 42.Qxd6+ Ke8 43. Qg6+ Kf8 44.Qd6+ Kg8 45.Qd5+ Kh7 46.Qf5+ Kh8 47.Qf8+ Kh7 Draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

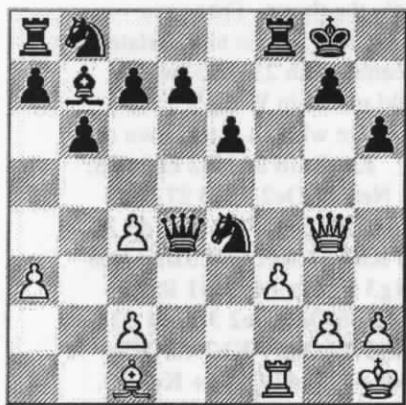
Jonni Ammondtd was in Montana visiting his step-father, Jan Johannsson, and took time to play in the Barto. Jonni is going to college in Florida. Jonni has been playing chess for a long time. Years ago he would attend chess tournaments with Jan. I remember one such tournament in Missoula where Jan was playing in a very tight time control game and Jonni, a spectator, was so absorbed in the game that when a flag fell, he notify everyone. He had such genuine enthusiasm, it was great to see. Jonni was politely told that spectators cannot make comments about a player's flag. All ended well with the players calling the game a draw.



Jonni Ammondtd

The following diagram comes from Jonni's game with Mel Drake.

This diagram is one of the final positions of the game. As Black, Jonni plays for the "smother mate." Can you find the mate? Black to move, mate in 4

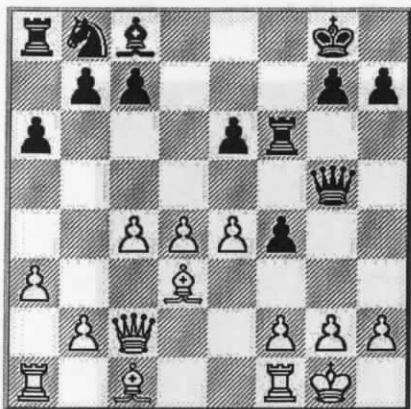


1... Nf2+ (In the actual game, White resigned here) 2. Kg1 Nh3++ 3. Kh1 Qg1+ 4. Rxg1 Nf2#

This mating pattern occurs more often than one would think.

Jonni Ammond (1528) - Stephen Rasmussen (1122) [A46] Barto Memorial, 9.16.2001

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 a6 4.c4 Ne4 It's too early to make this forward move, Black should develop other pieces. 5. Nbd2 Bb4 6.a3 Bxd2+ 7.Nxd2 d5 8. Nxe4 dxe4 9.Qg4 0-0 10.Qxe4 The result of Black's early ... Ne4 is the loss of a pawn. 10...f5 11.Qc2 Qf6 12. Bd3 Qg5 13.0-0 Rf6 14.e4 f4



15.Qe2?! (e5 is the right move which locks out Black's light squared bishop and opens the b1h7 diagonal for White's light squared bishop. Then White plays Qe2 which stops Black's

threats against his King. 15...e5 Now White's light squared B is blocked and Black's bishop is ready to join the fight. 16.d5 Bh3 17.Qf3? Bg4 18.h4 Qxh4 (18...Qh5 looks good) 19.g3 f3? (19...Bxf3 20.gxh4 Rh6 or 19...Qh2+ 20.Kxh2 Bxf3 with an eye on...Rh6+.) 20.Qxg3 Qh5 21.Qh2 Bh3 22.f4 Qg4+ 23.Kf2 Bxf1 24.Bxf1 Nd7 25.Be2 Qg6 26.f5 Qf7 27.b4 b6 28.Bg5 Rxf5+! 29.exf5 Qxf5+ 30.Ke1 Qxg5 31.Qh3 Nf8 32.Kf2 Qf6+ 33.Qf3 Qxf3+ 34.Kxf3 Ng6 35.Bd3 Rf8+ 36. Ke3 Rf6 37.Rg1 Nf4 38.Be4 h6 39.Bh1 g5 40.Ke4 Ng6 41.Rg3 Rf4+ 42.Kd3 Rh4 43.Be4 Nf4+ 44.Ke3 Rh3 45. Rxx3 Nxx3 46.Bf5 Nf4 47.Ke4 Kg7 48.Kxe5 Ng6+ 49.Ke6 Nf8+ 50.Ke7 h5 51.Kd8 Kf6 52.Bc8 g4 53.Kxc7 g3 54. Bh3 b5 55.e5 Ng6 56.d6 Ne5 57.d7 Nxd7 58.Kxd7 Kg5 59.c6 Kf4 60.c7 Kf3 61.c8Q g2 62.Bxxg2+?! 62. Qc6+ Kxxg2 63.Qh8 Kg3 64.Qxxh5 White wins 1-0.

In this game, Stephen Rasmussen bounces back and shows a good feel for the attack. Stephen sacs a piece and presses through for the win.

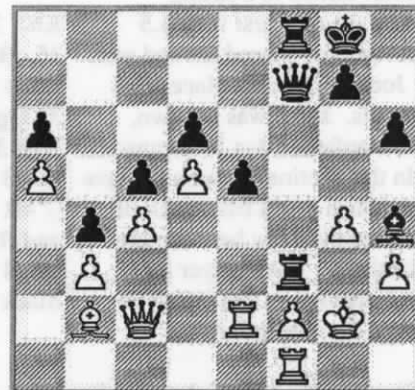
Mike Shuyler (1140) - Stephen Rasmussen (1122) [B30] Barto Memorial,



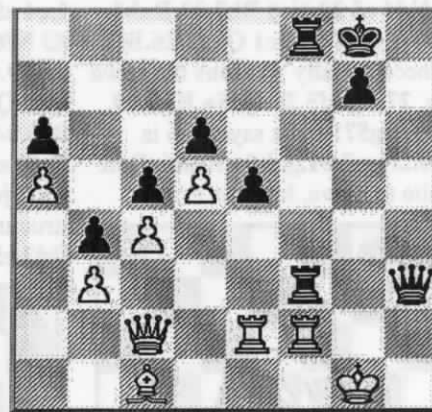
Stephen Rasmussen

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bb5 Qb6 5.b3 a6 6.Bxc6 Qxc6 7.a3 This move does not seem to have a purpose, and thus is a waste of time. Usually White plays a3 to prevent a piece from occupying b4. In this case there is no piece in the immediate area. Bb2 is better. 7...Nf6 8.d3 d6 9.h3 h6 10.Bb2

e5 11.Ne2 Be6 12.c4 Be7 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Nc3 Qd7 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Nb1 Nxd5 17.cxd5 Bd7 18.a4 b5 19.a5 b4 20.Nd2 Bb5 21.Nc4 Bxc4 22.dxc4 Qe8 23.0-0 f5 24.exf5 Rxf5 25.Qc2 Qf7 26.g4? White should not move the pawns in front his K, unless absolutely necessary or for some concrete purpose. This move is the cause of White's loss. Black now exploits the new weakness caused by g4. In three more moves, Black is playing for mate. 26...Rf3 27. Kg2 Bh4 28.Rae1 Rf8 29.Re2 Black to move. Mate in 5.



(The Mate in 5 is 29...Rg3+ 30.f3g3 [Kh2 Qf3 threatens 31...Qg2 mate] Qxf1 31. Kh2 Bxxg3+ 32. Kxxg3 Rf3+ 33. Kh4 Rxxh3#.) 29...h5 30.gxxh5 Qxxh5 31.Bc1 Bxf2 I like this move. It forcefully turns Black's advantage into a victory. 32.Rxf2 Qxxh3+ 33.Kg1 Fritz says Black to move, mate in 9:



(33...Rg3 34.Rg2 Rg1+ 35. Kxf1 Qh1+ 36. Kf2 Qxg2+ 37. Ke1 Qg1+ 38. Kd2 Qd4+ 39. Qd3 Qxd3+ 40. Ke1 Rg1+ 41. Kf2 Qg3#.) 33...Rg3+ 34.Rg2 Rf1+ ! Black see the way to victory. 35.Kxf1 Qh1+ 36.Rg1 Qxg1# 0-1 Nice job Stephen.

General News

Montana Chess players now have two online internet web sites in which to catch information about chess in Montana. Secretary-Treasurer Paul Motta works the web site at www.montanachess.com.

This web site has many layers, including a news section, players ratings, the MCA constitution and bylaws, tournament results, plus some games. The site also has a section where people can play e-mail chess.

The user name and password have not changed from the last issue of MCN. Please do not share this information with non-members of the MCA.

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MCA President Jan Johansson has secured another web site, which can be found at

<http://montanachessassociation.20fr.com>.

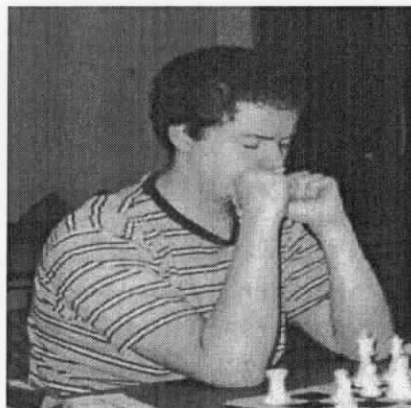
This web page does not require a password or Username. Jan felt Montana Chess players could use an additional source of information, especially recent tournament results.

Mel Drake recently had a back operation. The MCA wishes Mel a full recovery. Mel is the Eastern Vice President of the MCA.

Grand Prix

** Standing after first tourny - Chinook **
** Note: The Missoula players received **
** travel bonus points (multiplier 1.66). **

1. Ron Erickson	14.74
2. Bill McBroom	14.74
3. Dan McCourt	14.74
4. Sherwood Moore	9.54
5. Jim Skovron	8.88
6. William Furdell	5.72



Mike Shuyler

Mike Shuyler took the opportunity in the following game to win some rating points.

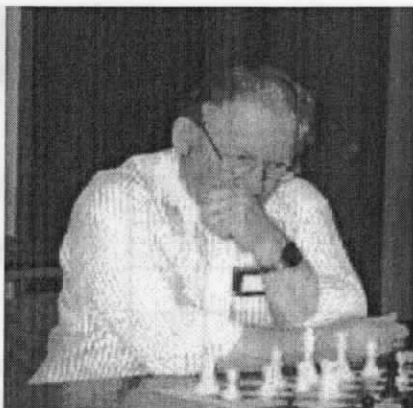
Jonni Ammond (1528) - Mike Shuyler (1140) [D00] Barto Memorial,

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 a6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 Be7 8.b4 b5 9.h3 Bd6 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Ne2 Re8 12.Ng3 g6 13.Nh2 e5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Nf3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 c6 18.Qd4 h6 19.Ne5 Re6 20.Nd3 Rb8 21.Nc5 Rd6 22.Nxa6 Ra8 23.Nc5 Qb6



24.Nxd7?! Fritz says White should play 24. e4 followed by e5, due to the pin on Black's unprotected R at d6, and the threatened upcoming fork on e5.

24...Nxd7 25.Rfd1 (Qf4 forks the Rd6 and h6) 25...Qxd4 26.Rxd4 Nb6 27.Ne4! Rdd8 28.Nf6+ Kg7 29.Ng4 Nc4 30.Rd3 Rd7 31.e4 Rda7 32.exd5 Nxa3 33.Ne3 Nc4 34.dxc6? Rxa1+ 35.Kh2 Ne5 36.Rc3 Rc8 37.c7 Nc4 38.Nd5 Rd1 39.Ne3 Nxe3 40.fxe3 Rd7 41.Rc5 Rdx7 42.Rxb5 Rxc2 43.Kg3 Rb2 White resigns. 0-1



Mel Drake

Mel Drake's highlighted win came over the tough play of Stephen Rasmussen.

Mel Drake (1178) - Stephen Rasmussen, S (1122) [B30] Barto Memorial,

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d6 4.Bc4 Bg4? 5.Qa4? (White wins a pawn and breaks up Black's pawns by 5. Bxf7+ Kxf7 6. Ng5+ Kmoves 7. Qxg4) 5...e6 6.d3 Bxf3 7.gxf3 a6 8.Qc2 b5 9.Bb3 Na5 10.Qe2 Be7 11.f4 Nc6 This loses time. It's usually best to stick to your plans. 12.Be3 Na5? 13.Bc2 d5 14.f5 e5 15.Nd2? d4! 16.Bg5 Bxg5 17.Nf3 Bf6 18.0-0-0 Ne7 19.h4 Nac6 20.Rdg1 0-0 21.Ng5 Bxg5+ 22.hxg5 g6 23.f6 dxc3 24.b3 Nd4 25.Qg4 Qa5 26.Bb1 Fritz says Black to move, mate in 7.



(26... Qa3+ 27. Kd1 Qb2 28. Ke1 Qxb1+ 29. Qd1 c2 30. Kd2 cxd1Q+ 31. Rxd1 Qc2+ 32. Ke1 Qe2#) 26... Qa3+ 27.Kd1 Qb2 28.Ke1 Qxb1+ 29.Qd1 c2 30.Kd2 Nf3+? 31.Qxf3 Qb2 32.Rc1 b4 33.Qh3 Qc3+ 34.Ke2 Nf5? (h5 or Rfd8) 35.Qxh7# 1-0

Tournament Tables

2001 MONTANA ACTION CHAMPIONSHIP - G=30

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Dan McCourt	1648	W9	L2	W7	W6	W5	4.0
2	Mark S. Kende	1948	W8	W1	B(.5)	W5	D3	4.0
3	Sherwood Moore	1626	W13	L4	W11	W7	D2	3.5
4	Eric J. Gilbertson	1535	D10	W3	L5	W8	W6	3.5
5	Jan Johansson	2081	W7	W6	W4	L2	L1	3.0
6	Steve Scarff	1644	W11	L5	W8	L1	L4	2.0
7	Kirk Lundby	1230	L5	W10	L1	L3	W11	2.0
8	Melvin Drake	1193	L2	B(1.0)	L6	L4	W10	2.0
9	Nick Cohea	1047	L1	L11	W10	B(1.0)	L12	2.0
10	Paul T. Richards	680	D4	L7	L9	W11	L8	1.5
11	Jason Ames	906	L6	W9	L3	L10	L7	1.0
12	Aldin M. Barnes	1253	U—	U—	U—	U—	W9	1.0
13	Steven Foster	906	L3	U—	U—	U—	U—	0.0

2001 MONTANA QUICK CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP - G=15

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Jan Johansson	2081	L6	W8	W9	W3	W2	4.0
2	Dan McCourt	1648	W7	W5	D3	W4	L1	3.5
3	Sherwood Moore	1626	W9	W4	D2	L1	W6	3.5
4	Steve Scarff	1644	W8	L3	W6	L2	W9	3.0
5	Aldin Barnes	1253	B(1.0)	L2	W7	L6	B(1.0)	3.0
6	Kirk Lundby	1230	W1	W7	L4	W5	L3	3.0
7	Melvin Drake	1193	L2	L6	L5	B(1.0)	W8	2.0
8	Nick Cohea	1047	L4	L1	B(1.0)	W9	L7	2.0
9	Jason Ames	906	L3	B(1.0)	L1	L8	L4	1.0
10	Paul T. Richards	680	L5	U—	U—	U—	U—	0.0

2001 Second Summer Open (UCCC Missoula)

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Daniel McCourt	1602	D2	L4	W5	1.5
2	William McBroom	1500	D1	D5	D3	1.5
3	Sherwood Moore	1633	W5	U	D2	1.5
4	Ron Erickson	1696	U	W1	U	1.0
5	Roger White	1667	L3	D2	L1	.5

2001 Third Summer Open (UCCC - Missoula)

#	Name	Q-rtng	1	2	3	Tot
1	Daniel McCourt	1616	U	W3	W4	2.0
2	Rudolf Katzl	1903	U	W4	W5	2.0
3	William McBroom	1539	D4	L1	U	.5
4	Roger White	1678	D3	L2	L1	.5
5	Scott Young	1234	U	U	L2	0

Octopus Devours Western Montana Title

By Greg Nowak

On a beautiful summer day (August 11th) in Missoula, 16 true chess fans converged at the Shack Restaurant banquet rooms to vie for the coveted title. The competition was very evenly matched. When the battles subsided, Mike Stubblefield (1577) took clear 2nd (losing only to me) with 4 points. Third place went to Paul Mitchell (1437 Montana rated) with 3.5 points out of 5. Johnny Legan again won the Junior section with 2 pions and Kyle Seamons from Corvallis was 2nd with 1.5 point. Seven of the top eight players are Clandestine Chess Club regulars and 6 of the top 8 are MCA members. Rich Hall from Stevensville just missed a draw versis me by one square. I had a Kand P to his K. Had he only moved to one different square, he would have drawn.

It was another successful G30 unrated event at the Shack. A popular site among players. The 8th Greater N.W. Team tournament will be November 17, 2001.

Upcoming Events

October 27, 2001 - Montana Junior Tournament

Format: 3 Rounds, **Time Controls:** Game/ 60, **Site:** Clandestine Chess Club, 125 W. Main, Missoula, MT. **Prizes:** Based on \$64 from entries - 1st 15, 2nd \$11. **Entry fee:** \$8 early, \$12 door
Rounds: 12:00 noon, 2:15 pm, 4:30 pm. **Registration:** 11:30 am - 11:45 am **Contact:** Mail - Greg Nowak, Hellgate Station, P.O. Box 8572, Missoula, Montana 59807 or in person, Clandestine Chess Club, 125 W. Main, Missoula, Montana 59807. Phone: 549.7805 11:00 am to noon M-F. **Note:** Limited to the first 12 players aged 17 years old or younger. Chess sets will be provided. Director has enough clocks for the 5 games.

November 3-4, 2001; University-Community Chess Club Turkey Open

Format: Four round swiss. **Time Controls:** G/2 with sudden death. **Site:** Room 202 Liberal Arts Building, University of Montana, Missoula, MT. **E.F.:** \$15 if received by 11/1/01, (Checks to "UCCC" - \$20 a the door) **Prizes:** 1st - \$75, 2nd = \$50; 1700-1899=\$40, 1500-1699=\$30; LT 1500=\$20; biggest upset=\$15 (based on 20 entries).

Rounds: Sat. 9:30 am, 2 pm; Sun 9:00 am, 1:30 pm. **Reg:** Sat: 8:30 - 9:00 am. (No phone entries). **Contact:** Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota, Missoula, MT 59802. Tel. 728.1695 **Note:** This is a Montana grand prix event (current MCA membership is required of all Montana Players)

November 17, 2001 The 8th Greater Northwest Team Tournament

Format: Round Robin **Time controls:** Unknown **Site:** The Double Front Restaurant, 122 West Alder (Upstairs), Missoula, MT. **E.F.:** Team = \$35 by October 29, \$42 Oct. 30 to Nov. 10, \$50 at the door. **Prizes:** Winning team shares top team pot. Based on 24 entried, 1st gets \$15 each, 2nd gets \$5 each. Also best board prizes (\$5). **Rounds:** 11:45 am, 1:15 pm, 2:35 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 5:05 p.m. Round 6 maybe necessary. **Reg.:** Individuals must be present by 11:30 or lose their entries. **Contact:** Mail - Greg Nowak, Hellgate Station, P.O. Box 8572, Missoula, Montana 59807 or in person, Clandestine Chess Club, 125 W. Main, Missoula, Montana 59807. Phone: 549.7805 11:00 am to noon M-F.

January 19-20, 2002; January Thaw

Format: 5 round swiss. **Site:** Helena Public Library, Helena, Montana.

Note: This will be a Grand Prix tournament. No details yet. More information will be available in the next newsletter, which comes out in the middle of December, 2001. Look for more information on the web sites: www.montanachess.com or <http://montanachessassociation.20fr.com>.

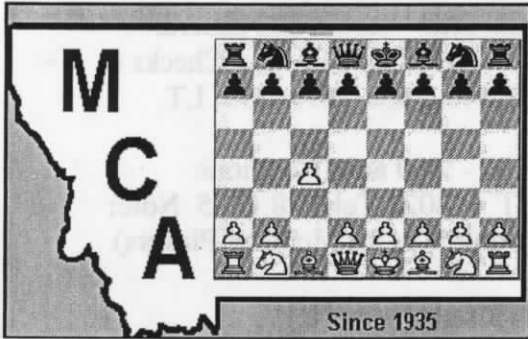
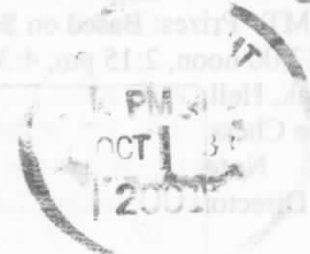
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#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Greg Nowak	2160	W5	W2	W4	W6	W7	5	8.	Eric Gilbertsen	1521	W14	L7	W9	L2	L3	2.0
2	M. Stubblefied	1577	W10	L1	W5	W8	W6	4	9.	Johnny Legan	834	L6	W11	L8	L5	W12	2.0
3	Paul Mitchell	1437	D7	L5	W12	W15	W8	3.5	10	Kyle Seamons	1200	L2	D12	W11	L7	L4	1.5
4	Bob Leader	1520	W11	D6	L1	D13	W10	3.0	11	Jason Devoe	Unr	L4	L9	L10	W12	L5	1.0
5	Rich Hall	1560	L1	W3	L2	W9	W11	3	12	David Homier	Unr	—	D10	L3	L11	L9	.5
6	Roger White	1588	W9	D4	W7	L1	L3	2.5	13	Pat Todd	Unr	—	—	—	D4	—	.5
7	Han Anderson	1683	D3	W8	L6	W10	L1	2.5	14	Wolf Effelfinger	Unr	L8	—	—	—	—	0
									15	Val King	Unr	—	—	—	L3	—	0

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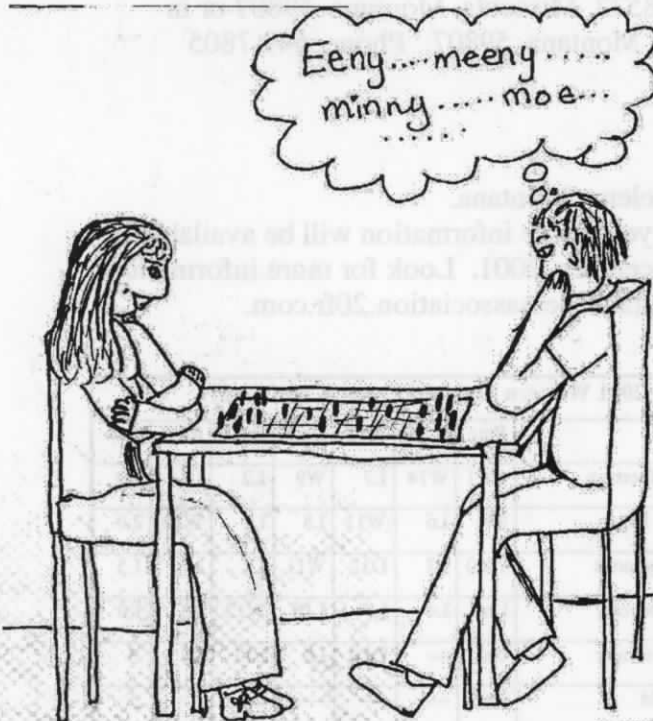


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2001 Chinook Open with Pepperoni								
#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	James Skovron	1842	W9	W6	D2	D4	D3	3.5
2	Ron Erickson	1714	W14	W8	D1	D5	H	3.5
3	Dan McCourt	1661	H	H	W9	W10	D1	3.5
4	William McBroom	1569	H	H	W8	D1	W9	3.5
5	Sherwood Moore	1664	H	H	W6	D2	D13	3.0
6	William Furdell	1334	W15	L1	L5	W8	W7	3.0
7	Romie Carpenter	1815	U	U	W14	W12	L6	2.0
8	M.Subblefield	1585	W10	L2	L4	L6	W14	2.0
9	Kirk Lundby	1230	L1	W15	L3	W11	L4	2.0
10	Rev.W.Sheilds	Unr	L8	W14	W15	L3	L12	2.0
11	Nick Doulas	1280	U	U	H	L9	W15	1.5
12	Richard Cohen	1500	U	U	U	L7	W10	1.0
13	Robert Mitchel	1599	U	U	U	U	D5	.5
14	Richard Stuckey	1179	L2	L10	L7	D15	L8	.5
15	Scott Hunt	Unr.	L6	L9	L10	D14	L11	.5

Nimzowitsch had his system. Now introducing David Duke's system. By Virginia Duke (12)

Due to the lack of time and space. The games from the Chinook will be in the next issue of the MCN. Thank you,