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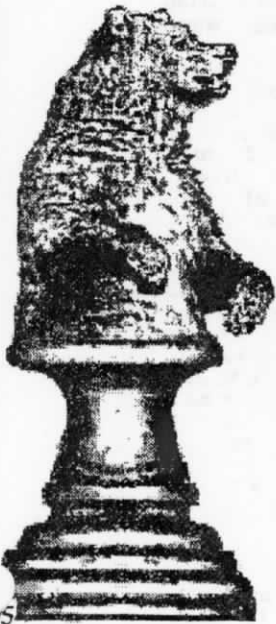
CHESS IN THE BEARTOOTH

Nestled high in the fir trees of the Beartooth mountains, lodges & cabins, tents & cars were temporary homes for eighteen hearty chess players / nature lovers who converged on Cooke City,

Montana for three things - chess, scenery and prize \$\$\$. There were copious amounts of each.

John Kennedy's Game-in-1 brainchild featured two-hour between-round respites and an early departure time, allowing players to poke around nature trails and eat meals with family & friends, a rarity in tournament chess.

Esprit de corps filled the playing site at registration time as familiar faces produced a reunion atmosphere for players from several states, but camaraderie went dormant at the boards as the strategists and tacticians sought advantage. Surviving as the fittest, J. C. Kuba (Belgrade, MT) & Bob Feldstein (NY) emerged Kings of the Mountain, sharing the big prize \$\$.
GRISLY DETAILS INSIDE



What's New

Cooke City:

The Beartooth Mountain Open was a strong one, with very exciting games going on at the top boards every round! J. C. Kuba from Belgrade, Montana scored 5 points out of 6, tying with Robert Feldstein who flew out from New York, NY. These fellows split the first & second prizes of \$150 & \$50, netting \$100 each.

Young Eric Jones, from Wyoming (rated 1447), must've discovered some long lost secret of chess, for he came, saw and conquered several players way out of his league (ratings-wise), causing ratings to fall - like autumn leaves. This kid [Mr. kid, Sir!] beat J. C. Kuba (1900), drew with Ron Matous (1904), beat Les Brennan (1831), drew with Zygmund Mayer (2045) and beat Robert Martin (1509). John C. Thompson was the only player who got the upper hand over Jones!

Another young fellow, Seth Uptain, was also beating up on his higher-rated competition. Seth (rated 1685) drew with Johansson (2114) in the first round and upset Les Brennan (1831), turning in a very fine tournament performance, with 3.5 points. Robert Martin earned the \$50 Biggest-Upset prize however, for his win over Zygmund Mayer (536 upset points).

Other prizes: Top A - Michael Long (\$50), Top B - Seth Uptain (\$50), Top C - Eric Jones (\$50), Top D - split between Don Price and Eriel Mayer (\$25 each).

For some odd reason, few score sheets with Robert Feldstein's name on them were found in the pile of stuff submitted to the editor, and only one of those were decent enough for transcribing. MCN usually tries to present a fair representation of the winner's glory, but in this event, with sudden-death time controls and messy, unfinished score sheets, there just wasn't enough to go on. There are some good games from this event though, that did, however, prove to be complete and decipherable, and these have been included in this issue. These games should show, to some extent, the excitement generated by the steady flow of upsets, especially by the young Wyoming player Eric Jones.

What the reader will not be able to appreciate, however, is the incredible beauty of those mountains, the fresh air, the fun of eating lunch with old friends at the alfresco cafe with the wooden sidewalk, and, of course, the fantastic finishes of the top-board games that finished in scrambles, but were either indecipherable, or not turned in (which underscores the need to try and turn in good score sheets for the newsletter).

Overdue?:

Please check the renewal date for your MCA membership. It is at the top-right of your mailing label on your newsletter. If your label indicates that you are not current, and you disagree, chances are I messed up, or the tournament director who took your renewal money messed up. Should a renewal date get abjectly overdue, that member would stop receiving the newsletter, lapse into a black hole of out-of-touchedness and suffer a severe case of what is known and feared as chess anemia (not to be taken lightly in these fast-paced times, when life's vicissitudes tend to distract from important things, like chess)! Don't let that happen to you, especially if MCA records are wrong!

Bobcat, Andromedid:

Kip Stubberud took perfect First Place (\$40) at Bozeman's Saturday G/90 Bobcat Open, winning games against Jan Johansson, Zygmund Mayer, J.C. Kuba and John Murray.

Eriel Mayer [You've heard that name a lot lately in discussions on upsets.] fought to a draw with Michael Long, winning the Biggest Upset prize (\$5) and the Best Under 1800 prize (\$10) on his road to clear Third Place ahead of Zygmund, his father - who came in fourth place. ALL-RIGHT ERIEL! YOU DA MAN! WOOF, WOOF, WOOF! (Excuse me)

Logan Suriano (who is almost ten years old) won the Best Under 1400 prize by winning against Hal Amundson, who has just returned to chess after his recent return to Montana from Idaho.

Jim Loy captured the First Place spoils (\$20) at Bozeman's Sunday G/30 Andromedid Action Open, scoring 4.5 out of 5.

Eriel Mayer again took the Biggest Upset prize (\$5) by beating Robert Hull.

In the final round Scarff stopped Hull with a nine-move BDG, good for the Best Under 1800 prize (\$10). Steve points out that after just eight moves the position is a clear MATE IN NINE! Hull resigned after seeing just the first move of this forced mate! Seeing is believing! You'll absolutely have to check this game out on page 8!

Chinook:

Carpenter won clear first (\$75) in Great Falls with a sure-fire strategy, namely, just mow everybody down like grass! Romie felled such stately figures as Johansson, Motta and Skovron and could have lost his fifth round game and still tied for first, but ended up drawing with (ahem) Les Brennan, clinching clear first. Jim Skovron, utilizing Thad Suits' computer pairing program, punched up the players' performance ratings after the tournament, revealing that Romie had a 2133 performance rating at the Chinook Open. Well, he was hot!

Some notable upset games were Doug Hansen's Grob-busting defeat over Zygmund Mayer in the first round (294 upset points) and Nick Douglas' win (544 upset points) over Doug Hansen in the third round, executing mate with a three-way knight fork of Doug's King, Queen and Rook (the stuff dreams are made of!), winning the Biggest Upset prize in the process. Those games are included in this issue. Enjoy!

The Chinook was an MCA Grand Prix event and the race is on! Romie netted 11.49 GP points, Johansson 10.35, Brennan 9.19 and 5.75 points went to each other with a score of three wins, namely, Zygmund Mayer, David Duke, Paul Motta, Skovron and Sherwood Moore. Jan is now the GP leader with 18.725 points.

David Duke and Zygmund Mayer follow with 14.125 points each, Paul Motta 11.799.

Trivia Question:

After having lost the World Championship Chess title to Bobby Fischer in 1972, Where did Russian Boris Spassky go - to contemplate his defeat?

ANSWER: The Crimea River

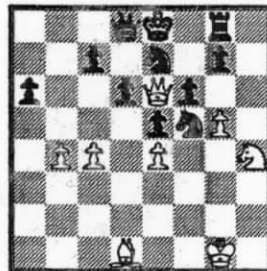
David Duke solves "MATE IN FIVE" in four moves!

The Sept. - Oct., 1994 issue of ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHESS featured a chess puzzle on page 15 with the caption: "WHITE to move and mate in five!" and lists the following moves:

1. Bh5+ g6
2. Nxc6 fxc5
3. Nh4+ Rg6
4. Bxc6+ Kf8
5. Qf7++ (diagram below)

David Duke points out, however, that if Black does indeed play 2... fxc5, the puzzle becomes a mate in four, e.g. 3. Nxe5+! (3... any) 4. Qf7++.

The position in the diagram is still a mate in five though, based on the best possible moves on both sides, e.g. after 2...Rg7 (protecting f7), 3. Nxe7+ forces mate in five total moves - 3. Nxe5 is now rendered weaker, I think (3...Kf8). Correct me if I'm wrong! - Editor



WHITE to move and mate in five

UCCC 3RD SUMMER OPEN

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1	William H. McBroom	1618	W 12	W 5	W 6	3
2	Sherwood Moore	1655	W 9	L 3	W 10	2
	John Rayburn	1647	W 11	W 2	L 8	2
	Mike Stubblefield	1550	U--	W 12	W 9	2
5	Steve Olszewski	1301	D 7	L 1	W 11	1.5
6	Don Gisselbeck	1329	BYE	W 7	L 1	1.5
7	Ryan Cain	1050	D 5	L 6	W 12	1.5
8	Romie Carpenter	1854	U--	U--	W 3	1
9	Dale Gross	1283	L 2	W 11	L 4	1
10	Louis Partney	1506	U--	U--	L 2	0
11	Tony H. Randolph	1258	L 3	L 9	L 5	0
12	Emmet Goforth	1100	L 1	L 4	L 7	0

UCCC 1ST FALL OPEN

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1	Ron Erickson	1743	W10	D 6	W 3	2.5
2	William H. McBroom	1618	W13	L 3	W10	2
3	John Rayburn	1561	W 4	W 2	L 1	2
4	Ryan Cain	1099	L 3	W12	W 9	2
5	Burke A. Fletscher	UNR	W 9	L10	X12	2
6	Sherwood Moore	1655	W12	D 1	L 7	1.5
7	Romie G. Carpenter	1854	U--	U--	W 6	1
8	David Duke	1756	U--	W11	U--	1
9	Michael Stubblefield	1500	L 5	W13	L 4	1
	Donald Gisselbeck	1329	L 1	W 5	L 2	1
11	Dale Gross	1283	U--	L 8	W13	1
12	Tony Randolph	1178	L 6	L 4	F 5	0
13	Emmet W. Goforth	1124	L 2	L 9	L11	0

CHINOOK OPEN

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOT
1	Carpenter	1807	W4	W 5	W 2	W 7	D 3	4.5
2	Johansson	2114	W 8	W 3	L 1	W 6	W 5	4
3	Brennan	1831	W5	L 2	W1	W3	D 1	3.5
4	Z. Mayer	2031	L10	W 9	L 5	W2	W 7	3
5	Motta	2000	W1	L 1	W 4	W 8	L 2	3
6	Matous	1904	W 9	W10	L 7	L 2	W1	3
7	Skovron	1845	W2	W3	W 6	L 1	L 4	3
8	Duke	1754	L 2	W4	W2	L 5	W3	3
9	Moore	1695	L 6	L 4	BYE	W5	W10	3
10	Hansen	1737	W 4	L 6	L13	W4	L 9	2
11	Goplen	1701	L 5	W5	L 3	BYE	L 6	2
12	Bridges	1417	L 7	BYE	L 8	L 4	W4	2
13	Doulas	1193	BYE	L 7	W10	L 3	L 8	2
14	Furdel	UNR	L 1	L 8	W5	L10	L12	1
	Amundson	UNR	L 3	L11	L14	L 9	BYE	1

BEARTOOTH MOUNTAIN OPEN

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOT
1	Feldstein	2030	W1	W4	W 4	L 3	W 8	W 9	5
2	Kuba	1900	L 5	W 7	W5	W10	W3	W 4	5
3	Johansson	2114	D 7	W 6	W10	W 1	L 4	W 8	4.5
4	Thompson	2100	W5	W 8	L 1	W 5	W 3	L 2	4
5	Jones	1447	W 2	D13	W4	L 4	D 6	W10	4
6	Z. Mayer	2045	L10	L 3	W7	W5	D 5	W3	3.5
7	S. Uptain	1685	D 3	L 2	W2	L13	W4	W5	3.5
8	Motta	2000	W2	L10	W3	W1	L 1	L 3	3
9	Long	1847	W7	L 4	F11	W6	W2	L 1	3
10	Martin	1509	W 6	W 8	L 3	L 2	W1	L 5	3
11	T. Uptain	1458	L 1	W8	W 9	L 8	L10	W6	3
12	Hull	1453	L 8	W7	L 7	W4	L 9	W8	3
13	Matous	1904	W6	D 5	L 8	W 7	L 2	L 6	2.5
14	Brennan	1831	W8	L 1	L 5	L12	L 7	W7	2
15	Betz	1662	L 4	W6	L 2	L 6	W8	L 7	2
16	Kennedy	1453	L13	L15	W8	L 9	W7	L11	2
17	Price	1365	L 9	L12	L 6	D18	L16	L14	0.5
18	E. Mayer	1244	L14	L11	L16	D17	L15	L12	0.5

BOBCAT OPEN

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOT
1	K. Stubberud	2009	W11	W10	W 2	W 4	4
2	J. Johansson	2114	W 6	W 4	L 1	W 7	3
3	E. Mayer	1244	D 5	L 6	W11	B--	2.5
4	Z. Mayer	2045	W 7	L 2	W 5	L 1	2
5	M. Long	1847	D 3	W 8	L 4	D 6	2
6	G. Shuck	1713	L 2	W 3	D 9	D 5	2
7	S. Scarff	1605	L 4	B--	W 8	L 2	2
8	L. Suriano	1039	B--	L 5	L 7	W 9	2
9	H. Amundson	UNR	L10	W11	D 6	L 8	1.5
10	J.C. Kuba	1900	W 9	L 1	U--	U--	1
11	J. Murray	UNR	L 1	L 9	L 3	U--	0

ANDROMEDID ACTION OPEN

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOT
1	J. Loy	1908	W 6	W 3	D 2	W 5	W 4	4.5
2	Z. Mayer	2045	H--	W 4	D 1	W 3	U--	3
3	S. Scarff	1605	W 4	L 1	W 5	L 2	W 6	3
4	P. Arnot	1253	L 3	L 2	W 6	B--	L 1	2
5	E. Mayer	1244	H--	W 6	L 3	L 1	U--	1.5
6	R. Hull	1453	L 1	L 5	L 4	H--	L 3	0.5

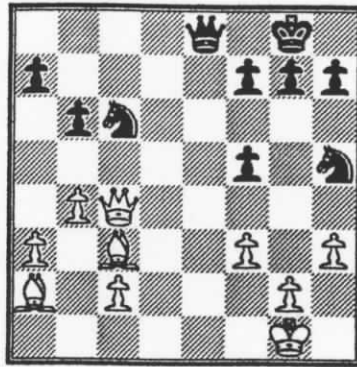
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Recent Games

Olszewski 1301 Cain 1050
ICCC 3rd Summer open
3/18/94 Round 1
Modern Defense

1. d4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. Bf4 Nf6 4. e3 d5
 5. c4 c6 6. Nc3 Na6 7. a3 Be6 8. Be2 O-O
 9. cd5 cd5 10. h4 Rc8 11. Ng5 Bf5 12.
 Be5 h5 13. Qb3 Qa5 14. Rc1 Rfd8 15.
 Qb7 Nc7 16. Qb3 e6 17. O-O Rb8 18.
 Qa4 Qb6 19. Nd1 Rb7 20. b4 Rc8 21. Bc7
 Rbc7 22. Rc7 Qc7 23. Ba6 Rb8 24. Qb3
 Ng4 25. g3 Nf6 26. Nb2 Rb6 27. Bd3
 Ne4 28. Ne4 de4 29. Be2 Rc6 30. Na4
 Qc8 31. Nc5 Rc7 32. Rc1 Qa8 33. Rc4
 Bh3 34. Na6 Rc6 35. Qc3 Rc4 36. Qc4
 Qe8 37. b5 Qe7 38. Qb4 Qd8 39. a4 Qc8
 40. Kh2 e5 41. a5 Be6 42. b6 Bd5 43.
 ba7 Ba8 44. Qb8 Qf8 45. Qf8 Bf8 46. Nc7
 ed4 47. Na8 d3 48. Bd1 Bc5 49. Nc7 Ba7
 50. Nb5 Bc5 51. a6 d2 52. a7 Ba7 53.
 Na7 f6 54. Kg2 Kf7 55. Kf1 Ke6 56. Ke2
 Kf5 57. Kd2 g5 58. Bh5 g4 59. Bf7 Ke5
 60. h5 f5 61. h6 Kf6 62. h7 Kg7 63. Bg8
 f4 64. gf4 g3 65. fg3 Kh8 66. f5 Kg7 67.
 f6 Kh8 68. f7 Kg7 69. h8=Q Kh8 70. Nc6
 Kg7 71. Ne5 Kf8 72. Ng6 Kg7 73. f8=Q
 Kg6 74. Qf4 Kg7 75. Kc3 Kh8

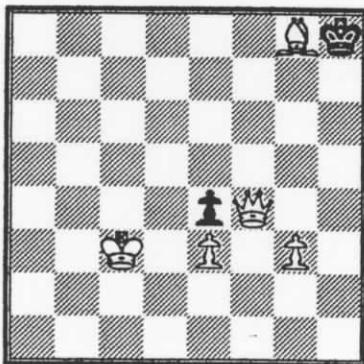
Bc3 Re8 27. Qd4 Ne5 28. Re1 Nc6 29.
 Re8 Qe8 30. Qc4 Nh5



31. g4? Qe3+ 32. Kg2 Nf4+ 33. Kg3
 Ne2+ 34. Kh4 Qh6 Mate.

Jones 1447 Kuba 1900
Beartooth Mountain open
9/17/94 Round 1
Torre Attack

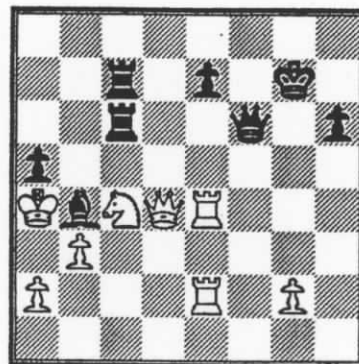
1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7 4. e3 d6
 5. c3 O-O 6. Bd3 b6 7. Nbd2 c5 8. Qc2
 Bb7 9. h4 Nbd7 10. O-O-O cd4 11. ed4
 h6 12. Bf6 Nf6 13. Ne4 Ne4 14. Be4 Be4
 15. Qe4 Rc8 16. Rde1 Rc7 17. Nd2 b5
 18. h5 g5 19. f4 b4 20. c4 d5 21. Qd3
 dc4 22. Nc4 Qc8 23. b3 Rd8 24. fg5 Rd4
 25. Qe3 Qa6 26. Re2 Rg4 27. g6 fg6 28.
 Qf3 Rg5 29. hg6 Qg6 30. Rhe1 Bf6 31.
 Qa8 Kg7 32. Qb8 Rgc5 33. Qb4 Bg5 34.
 Kb2 Bf6 35. Ka3 Qg5 36. Re4 a5 37. Qb6
 Bc3 38. R1e2 Bb4 39. Ka4 R5c6 40. Qd4+
 Qf6



76. Qg4 (Oops!) Stalemate.

Gisselbeck 1329 McBroom 1618
UCC 3rd Summer open
9/1/94 Round 3
Center Counter Game

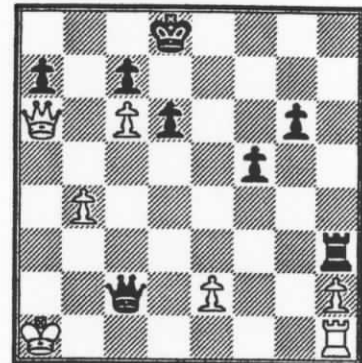
1. e4 d5 2. ed5 Qd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. Nf3
 Nf6 5. Bc4 Bf5 6. O-O e6 7. d3 Bb4 8.
 Bd2 O-O 9. a3 Bc3 10. Bc3 10...Qb6 11.
 h3 Nbd7 12. Qd2 c5 13. d4 Rfd8 14. dc5
 Qc5 15. Bb3 Rac8 16. Rad1 Qc7 17. Qe3
 18. Rd2 Nc5 19. Ba2 Nce4 20. Be5
 Qc6 21. Rd8 Rd8 22. Nd4 Qc8 23.
 Nf5 ef5 24. f3 Nc5 25. b4 Ncd7 26.



41. Rg4+ Kh8? 42. Qd8+ Black resigns.

S. Uptain 1685 Johansson 2114
Beartooth Mountain open
9/17/94 Round 1
Grob's Attack

1. g4 e5 2. Bg2 h5 3. gh5 Rh5 4. d3 Bc5
 5. Nf3 d6 6. Nc3 Nc6 7. Ne4 Bb6 8. c3 f6
 9. Be3 Be6 10. d4 ed4 11. Nd4 Bd7 12.
 Ng3 Rh8 13. Nc6 Bc6 14. Bc6 bc6 15.
 Qd3 Qd7 16. Nf5 O-O-O 17. O-O-O g6 18.
 Nd4 Ne7 19. a4 Kb7 20. b4 Nd5 21. a5
 Ne3 22. fe3 Bd4 23. ed4 Rh3 24. Qc2 f5
 25. d5 Re8 26. Kb2 Ree3 27. a6+ Kxa6
 28. Qa4+ Kb7 29. Ra1 Kc8 30. Qa6+ Kd8
 31. dxc6 Qg7 32. Ra3 Rxc3 33. Rxc3
 Qxc3+ 34. Ka2 Qc2+ 35. Ka1



35...Qc3+? (Jan missed a mate in three
 starting with 35...Rb3! 36. Qa2 Qc3+, but
 his flag was literally hanging!) 36. Ka2
 Draw agreed. - Then Jan saw the mate.

Brennan 1831 Jones 1447
Beartooth Mountain open
9/17/94 Round 3
Vienna Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Bc5 3. Qg4 Qf6 4. Bc4
 Na6 5. Bxa6 bxa6



6. Nd5 ?? - White immediately senses a
 very slight weakness on f2, and resigns.



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Betz 1662 Kuba 1900
Beartooth Mountain Open
9/17/94 Round 3
Closed Sicilian

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. g3 Nc6 4. Bg2 g6
 5. d3 Bg7 6. Nge2 Nf6 7. O-O h5 8. f4 h4
 9. Bf3 Ng4 10. Bg4 Bg4 11. Qe1 hg3 12.
 Ng3 Nd4 13. Qd2 Nf3 14. Rf3 Bf3 15.
 Qf2 Bg4 16. Nd5 e6 17. Ne3 Bd4 18. c3
 Be3 19. Be3 Qd7 20. Re1 O-O-O 21. d4
 b6 22. e5 cd4 23. Bd4 d5 24. b3 Bf5 25.
 Rd1 Rh3 26. Rd2 Rdh8 27. Qf1 Qc6 28.
 c4 dxc4 29. bxc4



29...Rxc3+ 30. Rg2 Rxc2+ 31. Qxc2
 Qxc2+ 32. Kxc2 Rh3 33. c5 Rd3 34. Bf2
 Rd2 35. cb6 Rf2 36. Kf2 ab6 37. Ke3 Kb7
 Kd4 Kc6 39. a3 b5 40. h4 Bg4 41.
 Kc5 42. Ke3 Kc4 43. Kf2 Kb3
 44. White resigns

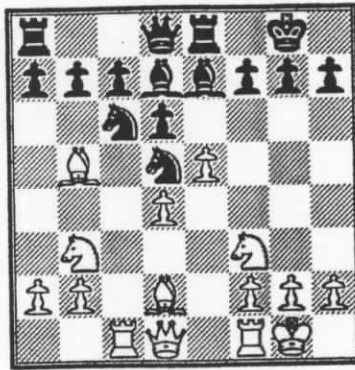
Feldstein 2030 Johansson 2114
Beartooth Mountain Open
9/17/94 Round 4
French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. c4 d5 3. cd5 ed5 4. ed5 Qd5
 5. Nc3 Qa5 6. Nf3 Bg4 7. h3 Bh5 8. Qe2
 Ne7 9. Qe5 Qe5 10. Ne5 Nd7 11. Nd7
 Kd7 12. f4 f6 13. Bc4 f5 14. O-O Nc6 15.
 Nd5 Bc5 16. Kh2 Rhf8 17. Ne3 Bf7 18.
 Bd3 Be6 19. b3 Nb4 20. Bb5 c6 21. Bc4
 Bd4 22. Be6 Ke6 23. Ba3 a5 24. Rae1 Kf6
 25. g4 g6 26. Re2 Rfd8 27. Bb4 ab4 28.
 Nc4 Ra2 29. g5 Kf7 30. Rfe1 Rd7 31. d3
 Re2 32. Re2 Bc3 33. Re3 b5 34. Ne5 Be5
 35. fe5 Ke6 36. Kg3 Rd5 37. Kf4 and
 Black went on to win in a time scramble.

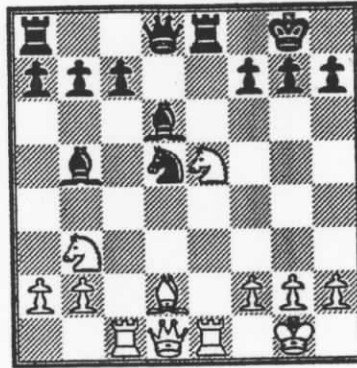
Johansson 2114 Thompson 2100
Beartooth Mountain Open
9/18/94 Round 5
Relfson Gambit

e4 e5 2. d4 ed4 3. Nf3 Bb4+ 4. Nbd2
 Nc6 5. Bb5 Nf6 6. e5 Nd5 7. O-O O-O

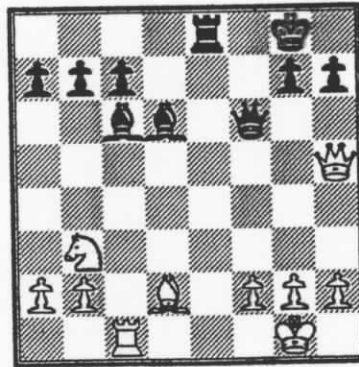
8. Nb3 Re8 9. c3 Be7 10. cd4 d6 11. Bd2
 Bd7 12. Rc1



12...Nxe5! 13. dxe5 Bxb5 14. Re1 dxe5
 15. Nxe5 Bd6



16. Nxf7! Kxf7 17. Qh5+ Kf8 18. Qf5+
 Qf6 19. Qxd5 Bc6 20. Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.
 Qh5 Kg8



22. Rxc6 Rf8! 23. Qd5+ Kh8 24. Be3 bxc6
 25. Qd2 Bf4 26. Nd4 Be3 27. Qe3 Rd8
 28. Nf3 h6 29. h3 a6 30. Qe4 Rf8 31. b3
 Qf5 and White's flag falls.

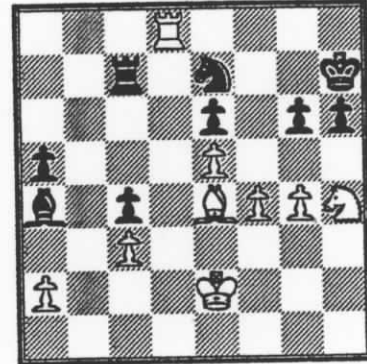
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Erickson 1743 Moore 1655
UCCC 1st Fall Open
9/22/94 Round 2
King's Indian Attack

1. e4 e6 2. d3 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. g3 Bd6 5.
 Bg2 Ne7 6. f4 Nbc6 7. Ngf3 Bd7 8. c3
 Qb6 9. e5 Bc7 10. Nb3 c4 11. dc4 dc4
 12. Nbd2 Qe3 13. Qe2 Qe2 14. Ke2 b5
 15. Ne4 O-O 16. Be3 Rfd8 17. h4 Nd5
 18. Bc5 Nb6 19. Bd6 Rac8 20. Rad1 Nd5
 21. h5 h6 22. Nh4 a5 23. Rhf1 b4 24.
 Bc7 Rc7 25. g4 bc3 26. Nc3 Nc3 27. bc3
 Rb8 28. Rd2 Ne7 29. Rfd1 Ba4 30. Rd8
 Rd8 31. Rd8 Kh7 32. Be4 g6 33. hg6 fg6



34. Rd6 Bd7 35. Kf3 Kg7 Draw agreed.

Rayburn 1561 Erickson 1743
UCCC 1st Fall Open
9/29/94 Round 3
London System

1. d4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. Bf4 d6 4. e3 Nd7
 5. Be2 e5 6. de5 de5 7. Bg5 f6 8. Bh4
 Nh6 9. Bd3 c6 10. Nc3 Qc7 11. Bg3 Nc5
 12. Be2 Bd7 13. h3 O-O-O 14. Nd2 Nf5
 15. Bh2 Nd6 16. Bf3 Be6 17. b4 Nc4 18.
 Ncb1 Na4 19. O-O Rd7 20. Qe2 Nd2 21.
 Nd2 Rhd8 22. Nb3 Bf8 23. b5 Nc3 24.
 Qe1 cb5 25. Bb7 Kb7 26. f4 Bc4 27. Qc3
 Bf1 28. Qc7 Rc7 29. Kf1 ef4 30. Bf4 Rc2
 31. Nd4 Rb2 32. Ne6 Rc8 33. Nf8 Rf8 34.
 Bd6 Re8 35. Bc5 Re5 36. Bd4 Rf5 37.
 Kg1 Re2 38. Rf1 Rf1 39. Kf1 Ra2 40. Bf6
 Kc6 41. Bd4 a5 42. Kg1 b4 43. Kh2 b3
 44. Kg3 b2 45. Bxb2 Rxb2 46. White
 resigns.

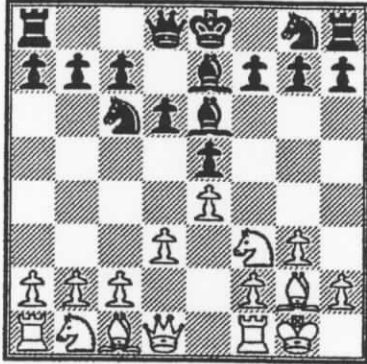
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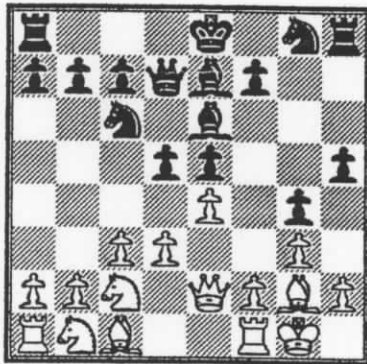
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 9/18/94 Round 6
 King's Indian Attack
 Annotations by Jan Johansson

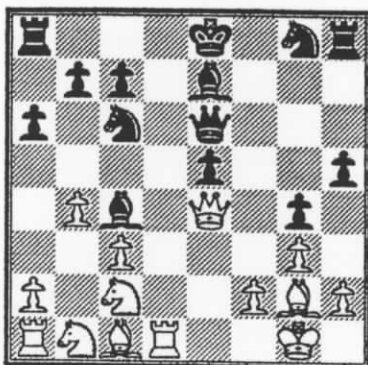
1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 d6 3. d3 e5 4. g3 Be7 5. Bg2 Be6 6. O-O



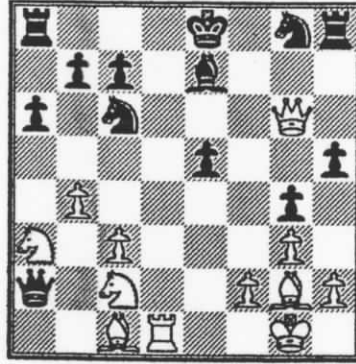
6...g5?! Premature. The center is not blocked or under Black's control. The punishment will come in the form of a White attack in the center. 7. c3! g4 8. Ne1 h5 9. Nc2 d5 10. Qe2 Qd7



11. b4! The main purpose of this move was to scare Black from castling long. 11...f6? (11...0-0-0) 12. Rd1 a6 13. d4 de4 14. de5 Bc4 15. Qe1 Qe6 16. Qxe4 fxe5 (16...f5)



17. Nba3 White's strategy to open up the center is a success and Black's king can't escape from the center. Black is strategically bankrupt. 17...Bxa2? 18. Rxa2! Qxa2 19. Qg6+!



19...Kf8?? I expected 19...Qf7 20. Bxc6+ Kf8, which is probably Black's best chance. Not 20...bxc6 because of 21. Qxc6+ & Qxa8. 20. Bd5 Qxd5 (to avoid mate on f7) 21. Rxd5 Nf6 22. Bh6+ and Black resigns.

E. Mayer 1244 Long 1847
 Bobcat Open
 10/1/94 Round 1
 Göring Gambit

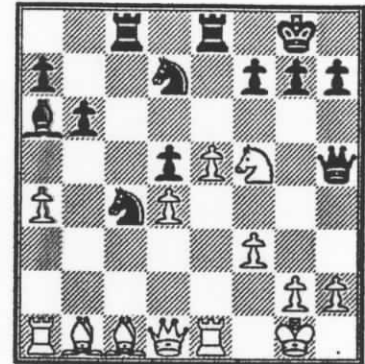
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. c3 dc3 5. Bc4 Bc5 6. Nc3 d6 7. O-O Nf6 8. Ng5 O-O 9. Re1 Bg4 10. Qc2 Ne5 11. Bd5 c6 12. Bb3 h6 13. Nf7 Nf7 14. e5 de5 15. Bh6 Bh5 16. Bg5 Kh8 17. Bf7 Rf7 18. Re5 Qd4



19. Bxf6 Rxf6 20. Rxh5+ Rh6 21. Rxh6+ gxh6 22. Rd1 Qf4 23. Rd7 Bxf2+ 24. Qxf2 Qc1+ 25. Qf1 Qe3+ 26. Qf2 Qc1+ 27. Qf1 Draw agreed

Stubberud 2009 Johansson 2114
 Bobcat Open
 10/1/94 Round 3
 Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 b6 5. Bd3 Bb7 6. f3 c5 7. Ne2 O-O 8. O-O d5 9. cd5 ed5 10. a3 Bc3 11. bc3 Nc6 12. Ng3 Re8 13. Bb1 Ba6 14. Re1 Rc8 15. Bb2 Na5 16. e4 Nc4 17. Bc1 Nd7 18. e5 cd4 19. cd4 Qh4 20. Nf5 Qh5 21. a4



21...Na5? 22. Nd6 Red8 23. Nxc8 Rxc8 24. Bd3 Bxd3 25. Qxd3 Nc4 26. Be3 Nf8 27. f4 g6 28. Rac1 a5 29. Rf1 Qf5 30. Qxf5 gxf5 31. Rc3 Rd8 32. Rfc1 Ne3 33. Re3 Ne6 34. Rb1 Rc8 35. Kf2 Rc4 36. Rb6 Rd4 37. Rg3 Kf8 38. Rb5 Ra4 and Black loses on time.

Amundson UNR Shuck 1713
 Bobcat Open
 10/1/94 Round 3
 King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 c5 4. O-O Nc6 5. d3 e5 6. Nbd2 Bd6 7. c3 O-O 8. e4 d4 9. c4 Bd7 10. b3 a6 11. Bb2 b5 12. Qe2 b4 13. a3 a5 14. a4 Qc8 15. Ne1 Bg4 16. f3 Bh5 17. g4 Bg6 18. h3 h6 19. Bh1 Nd8 20. Ng2 Ne6 21. Nh4 Nf4 22. Qh2 Nd3 23. Ng6 fg6 24. Bc1 Nd7 25. Qe2 Nf4 26. Qh2 Be7 27. h4 Qd8 28. h5 gh5 29. gh5 Bh4 30. Nb1 Qg5 31. Bg2 Ne2 32. Kh1 Nc1 33. f4 ef4 34. Rc1 f3 35. Rg1 fg2 36. Qg2 Qg2 37. Rg2 Rf1 38. Kh2 Re8 39. Rg1 Rg1 40. Kg1 Re4 41. Kf1 Re1 42. Kg2 d3 43. Ra2 Re2 44. Kf1 Stalemate soon followed (incomplete score sheets).

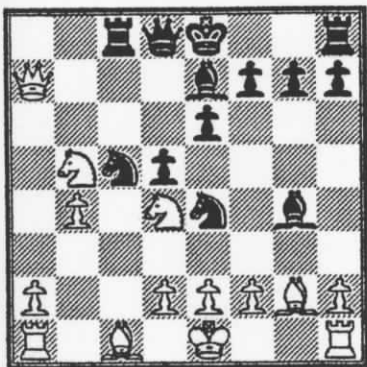
Z. Mayer 2045 Long 1847
 Bobcat Open
 10/1/94 Round 3
 Göring Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. c3 dc3 5. Bc4 cb2 6. Bb2 Bb4 7. Nc3

7...Qe7 8. O-O Bc3 9. Bc3 f6 10. Nd4 Nd4 11. Bd4 d6 12. Qb3 Nh6 13. f4 a6 14. Rae1 b5 15. Bd5 Rb8 16. e5 fe5 17. fe5 Kd8 18. ed6 Qd6 19. j7 Ng4 20. g3 Re8 21. Re8 Ke8 22. Bf7+ Black resigns.

Z. Mayer 2045 Stubberud 2009
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10/1/94 Round 4
Grob's Attack

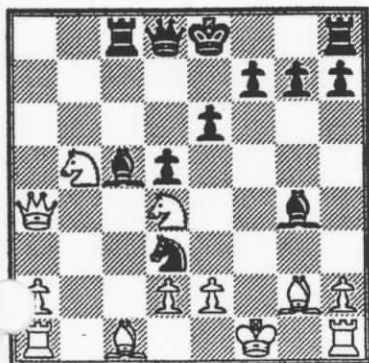
1. g4 d5 2. Bg2 Bxg4 3. c4 c6 4. cxd5 Nf6 5. Nc3 cxd5 6. Qb3 e6 7. Qxb7 Nbd7 8. Nb5 Rc8 9. Nf3 Ne4 10. Nfd4 Ndc5 11. Qxa7 Be7 12. b4



13...xf2! 13. bxc5



13...Nd3+! 14. Kf1 Bxc5 15. Qa4



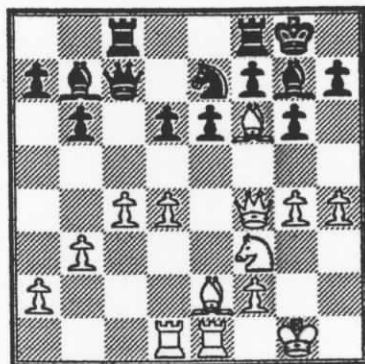
15...Qf6+ 16. Nf3 Qxa1 17. Nbd4 Kf8 18. Nb3!



18...Qf6 19. Qxg4 Nxc1 20. Nxc5 Rxc5 21. Qb4 Qe7 22. Qb8+ Qe8 23. Qb4 Qe7 24. Ne5 Rc8 25. Qb2 f6 26. Nf3 Qc5 27. Nd4 Kf7 28. Bh3 Rhe8 29. Kg2 Na2 and Black went on to win with a succession of queen checks and the help of the black g & h pawns (incomplete score sheets).

Long 1847 Shuck 1713
Bobcat Open
10/1/94 Round 4
Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. d4 d6 5. ed6 cd6 6. Nc3 Nc6 7. Be3 g6 8. h3 Bg7 9. Nf3 O-O 10. Qd2 Nd7 11. Rc1 b6 12. Be2 Bb7 13. O-O e6 14. Rfe1 Nf6 15. Bg5 Qd7 16. Rcd1 Ne7 17. g4 Ne4 18. Ne4 Be4 19. Qf4 Bb7 20. Bf6 Rac8 21. b3 Qc7 22. h4



22...Bxf3 23. Bxf3 d5 24. Qxc7 Rxc7 25. Bxg7 Kxg7 26. cxd5 Nxd5 27. Bxd5 exd5 28. Rd2 f6 29. Kg2 Kf7 30. Ree2 Re8 31. Re8 Ke8 32. Kg3 Re7 33. Kf3 g5 34. h5 Kd7 35. Re2 Re2 36. Ke2 f5 37. Ke3 b5

38. f4 a5 39. a3 Kc6 40. b4 ab4 41. ab4 Kb6 42. Ke2 Kc6 43. Kf2 Kd6 44. Kf3 Draw agreed.

Hull 1453 Amot 1253
Andromedid Action Open
10/2/94 Round 3
Irregular Opening

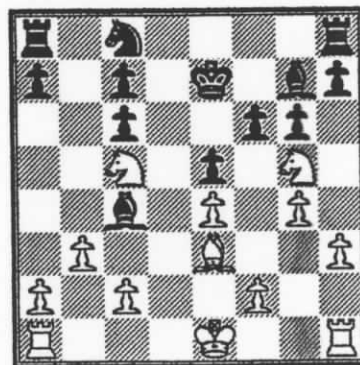
1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nf3 Ne4 4. Bc4 d5 5. Bd3 Bf5 6. O-O e6 7. a3 c5 8. Bb5 Nc6 9. Ne5 Qc7 10. Bf4 Bd6 11. c4 O-O 12. cxd5



Nxd4! 13. Bd3 Bxe5 14. f3 Nf6 15. Bxe5 Qxe5 16. Re1 Qxd5 17. Nc3 Qc6 18. Re5 Rfd8 19. Na4 b6 20. Nc3 Qd6 21. f4 Ng4 22. Nb5 Qb8 23. b4 Ne5 24. fe5 Bd3 25. Qd3 Qe5 26. Ra2 Nxb5 White resigns.

Z. Mayer 2045 Loy 1908
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10/2/94 Round 3
Grob's Attack

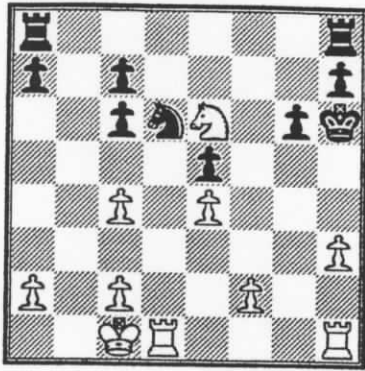
1. g4 d6 2. Bg2 Nc6 3. h3 g6 4. d4 e5 5. Bc6 bc6 6. de5 de5 7. Qd8 Kd8 8. Nf3 Bg7 9. Nc3 Ne7 10. e4 Be6 11. Ng5 Kd7 12. Be3 Nc8 13. Na4 Ke7 14. Nc5 Bc4 15. b3 f6



16. bxc4 fxg5 17. Bxg5+ Bf6 →

Z. Mayer / Loy continued

18. Bxf6+ Kxf6 19. Nd7+ Ke6 20. O-O-O Nd6 21. Nc5+ Kf6 22. g5+ Kxa5 23. Ne6+ Kh6



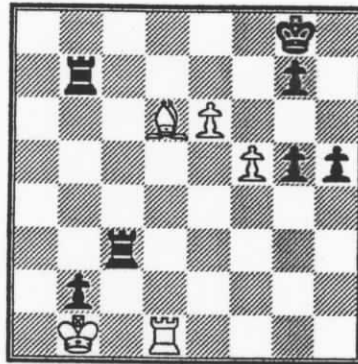
24. Nxc7 Nxe4 25. Nxa8 Nxf2 26. Nc7 Nxh1 27. Rxh1 Kg5 28. Ne6 Kf5 29. Nc5 e4 30. Kd2 Rb8 31. Rf1 Kg5 32. Ne4 Kh4 33. Rf3 Rb1 34. Nf2 Ra1 35. a3 Draw agreed.

Z. Mayer 2031 Hansen 1737
Chinook Open
10/15/94 Round 1
Groß's Attack

1. g4 e5 2. Bg2 d5 3. h3 c6 4. d4 e4 5. c4 Be6 6. Nc3 Bb4 7. Qb3 Bc3 8. bc3 b6 9. cd5 Bd5 10. c4 Be6 11. e3 b5 12. Be4 Bc4 13. Qc3 Nf6 14. Bg2 Nd5 15. Qd2 Qe7 16. Nf3



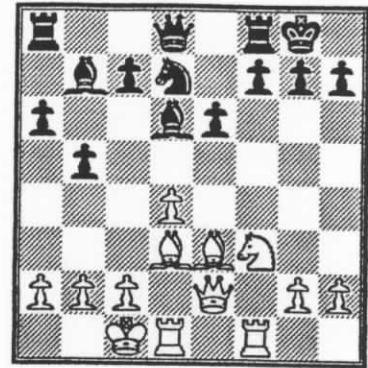
16...Nf4! 17. Bf1 Bd5 18. Be2 Nxe2 19. Qxe2 Qe4 20. O-O Qxf3 21. Qxf3 Bxf3 22. Ba3 Nd7 23. Rac1 Nb6 24. e4 Nc4 25. Bc5 f6 26. Rc3 h5 27. Rf3 Nd2 28. Rf5 Nf1 29. Kf1 Kd7 30. g5 Ke6 31. Ke2 a5 32. a3 Rab8 33. f4 b4 34. ab4 ab4 35. Kd2 b3 36. Kc1 b2 37. Kb1 Rb3 38. d5 cd5 39. Rd5 Ra8 40. f5 Kf7 41. Rd7 Kg8 42. Ba7 fg5 43. e5 Rc8 44. Rd1 Ra3 45. Rd7 Rb3 46. Rd1 Rc7 47. Bd4 Rcb7 48. e6 Rh3 49. Bc5 Rc3 50. Bd6



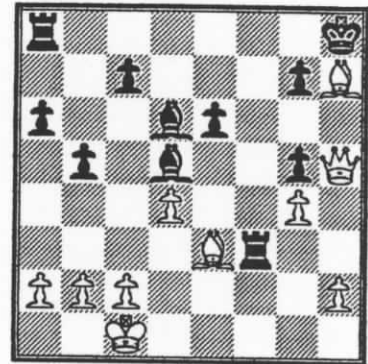
50...Rc1+ 51. Rxc1 bxc1=N+ (Doug was just having fun promoting to a knight!) 52. Kxc1 Rb5 53. Kc2 Rxf5 54. Kc3 Rd5 55. Bh2 Kf8 56. Kc4 Rd1 57. Be5 h4 White resigns.

Motta 2000 Carpenter 1807
Chinook Open
10/15/94 Round 2
Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. e4 Ne4 4. Ne4 de4 5. Be3 e6 6. Bc4 Nd7 7. Qe2 Bd6 8. O-O-O O-O 9. f3 ef3 10. Nf3 a6 11. Rhf1 b5 12. Bd3 Bb7



13. Bxh7+! Kh8! 14. Ng5 Nf6 15. Rxf6 Qxf6 16. Rf1 Qxf1+! 17. Qxf1 f6 18. g4 fg5 19. Qh3 Rf3 20. Qh5 Bd5



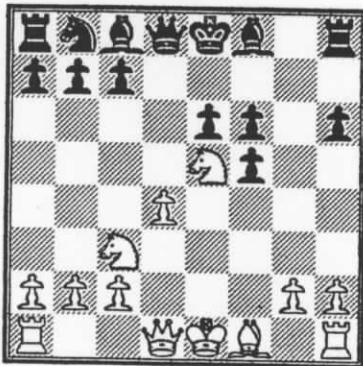
21. Bg6+ Kg8 22. Qh7+ Kf8 23. Qh8+ Ke7 24. Qxg7+ Kd8 25. Bxg5+ Kc8 26. Bd3 Kb7 27. Be7 Bf4+ 28. Kd1 Bxh2 29. Qh7 Bg3 30. Be2 Rf2 31. g5 Rh2 32. Qd3 Rh1+ 33. Kd2 Be1+ 34. Kd1 Bb4+ 35. Bf1 Be7 36. Kd2 Bg5+ 37. Kc3 Rf8 38. Be2 Rh2 39. a4 Rff2 40. axb5 Re2 41. bxa6+ Ka7 42. Kb4 Rxc2 43. b3 Rhd2 44. Qh3 Rxd4+ White resigns.

Douglas 1193 Hansen 1737
Chinook Open
10/15/94 Round 3
King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Bg4 3. Bg2 c6 4. h3 h5?? (Does this work?) 5. O-O?? (5. hxg4 hxg4 6. Rxh8 gxf3 7. Bxf3 Nh6 8. Rxh6 gxh6) Nd7 6. d3 e5 7. Nbd2 f5 8. e4 fe4 9. de4 d4 10. c3 dc3 11. bc3 Ngf6 12. Qb3 Nc5 13. Qc4 b5 14. Qe2 Bd6 15. c4 a6 16. Ba3 Nce4 17. Bd6 Nd2 →

Scarff 1605 Hull 1453
Andromedid Action Open
10/2/94 Round 5
Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1. d4 d5 2. e4 de4 3. Nc3 f5 4. f3 Nf6 5. Bg5 ef3 6. Nf3 e6 7. Ne5 g6 8. Bxf6 gxf6 (8...Qxf6)



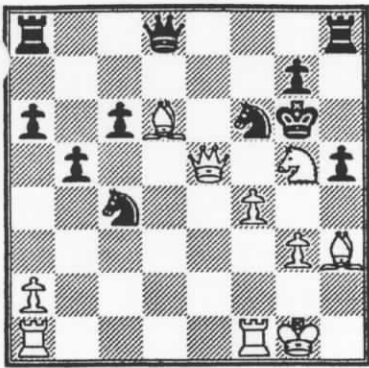
9. Qh5+ Black resigns.



Steve Scarff pointed out that the position above is a true **Mate in Nine!!** See if you can work it out before you look at the solutions on page 9 (bottom). If, of course, Black makes inferior moves he can be mated in eight moves, but Black has several ways to make it last for nine.



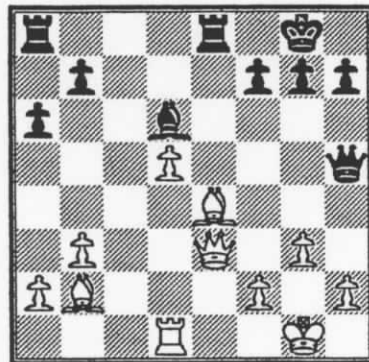
18. Qe5 Kf7 19. Ng5 Kg6 20. f4 Bxh3 21. Bxh3 Nxc4



22. Qf5+ Kh6 23. Nf7 Mate.

Z. Mayer 2031 Motta 2000
Chinook Open Round 3
10/15/94 Nimzowitsch Defense

1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4. d5 Ne5 5. Ne5 de5 6. Bb5 Bd7 7. Qe2 a6 8. Bd3 e6 9. c4 Be7 10. O-O O-O 11. Nc3 c6 12. b3 Re8 13. Bb2 ed5 14. ed5 cd5 15. Nd5 Nd5 16. cd5 Bd6 17. Rad1 e4! 18. Bb1 Qh4 19. Qh3 20. Qe3 Bg4 21. Bxe4 Bxd1 ... Rxd1 Qh5



23. Qd3?? Rxe4 White resigns.

Carpenter 1807 Johansson 2114
Chinook Open Round 3
10/15/94 English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. e4 e5 6. Nge2 Nc6

MATE IN NINE: 1. Qh5+ Ke7 2. Qf7+ Kd6 3. Nb5+ Kd5 4. c4+ Ke4 5. Bd3+
Now Black has two choices: A) 5...Ke3 B) 5...Kf4
5...Ke3 6. Qh5 Bb4+ 7. Kd1 Qd5 8. Qh3+ Qf3+ 9. Qxf3 Mate (If 8...Kf4
9. Qg3 Mate) B) 5...Kf4 6. Qh5 Bb4+ 7. Ke2 Be1 8. Rf1+ Bf2 9. Rxf2 Mate

7. O-O d6 8. d3 Be6 9. Nd5 Qd7 10. Bg5 Nh5 11. Rb1 f6 12. Be3 Nd8 13. f4 c6 14. f5 cd5 15. fe6 Qe6 16. cd5 Qd7 17. Nc3 Bh8 18. g4 Ng7 19. Bh6 Nf7 20. Be3 Ne8 21. d4 Bg7 22. Rc1 Bh6 23. Bh6 Nh6 24. de5 fe5 25. Rf8 Kf8 26. Qf3 Kg7 27. Rf1 Qe7 28. g5 Nf7 29. h4 h6 30. Bh3 ha5 31. Be6 Nd8 32. h5



32...Nf6? 33. h6+ Kxh6 34. Qxf6 Qxf6 35. Rxf6 Kg7 36. Rf2 a6 37. Kg2 b5 38. a3 Ra7 39. Kg3 Re7 40. Bc8 Nb7 41. Bb7 Rb7 42. Kg4 b4 43. ab4 Rb4 44. Kg5 a5 45. Rf6 Rb2 46. Rg6 Kf7 47. Rd6 Rg2 48. Kf5 Rg3 49. Rd7 Ke8 50. Rc7 Kd8 51. d6 a4 52. Na4 Rb3 53. Nc5 Rb8 54. Ne6 Ke8 55. d7+ Black resigns.

Hansen 1737 Moore 1695
Chinook Open Round 5
10/16/94 French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. Nb3 c5 6. f4 Nc6 7. Be3 cd4 8. Nd4 Nd4 9. Bd4 Nb6 10. b3 Bd7 11. Nf3 Rc8 12. Bd3 Bb4 13. Nd2 Qc7 14. O-O Bc3 15. Bc3 Qc3 16. Rf3 Qc5 17. Kh1 Bb5 18. Bb5 Qb5 19. c3 Qc5 20. Rg3 g6 21. Rc1 a5 22. Nf3 Qe3 23. Qd2 Qd2 24. Nd2 Ke7 25. Nf3 Rhd8 26. Nd4 a4 27. b4 Rc4 28. Rf3 Rdc8 29. Nb5 Rb4 30. Nd6 Rc7 31. Rf2? Rc3 32. Rcf1 Nc4 33. Nc4 Rbc4 34. g3 b5 35. Kg2 b4 36. Rb1 b3 37. ab3 ab3 38. Ra1 Rb4 39. Ra7 Kf8 40. Rb2 Rc2 41. Rc2 bc2 42. Rc7 Rc4 White resigns.

Carpenter 1807 Brennan 1831
Chinook Open Round 5
10/16/94 English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 e6 3. Nf3 c5 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. O-O d5 6. b3 d4 7. e3 e5 8. ed4 ed4 9. Re1 Be7 10. Na3 O-O 11. Nc2 a5 12. d3 Re8 13. Bf4 Nh5 14. Ne5 Ne5 15. Be5 Nf6 16. Qd2 Nd7 17. a3 Ne5 18. Re5 Qb6 19. Rae1 Be6 20. Bd5 Bf6 21. R5e2 Bd7 22. b4 Re2 23. Re2 ab4 24. ab4 cb4 25. Qb4 Qb4 26. Nb4 Bh3 27. Re1 g6 28. Nc2 Ra2 29. Re8 Kg7 30. Ne1 Bd7 31. Rb8 Bc6 32. Bc6 bc6 33. Rb1 Draw agreed.



MCA GRAND PRIX POINT STANDINGS

As of the Chinook Open
10/16/94

1. Johansson.18.725
2. Duke.....14.125
3. Z. Mayer.....14.125
4. Motta.....11.799
5. Carpenter..11.499
6. Brennan.....9.199
7. Thompson...6.049
8. Moore.....5.75
9. Skovron.....5.75

1.e4 or 1.d4

Which one's the strongest?

Romie Carpenter reports that the *NEW IN CHESS* Yearbook #32 takes a good hard look at the statistics on this age-old question made famous by remarks from the likes of Bobby Fischer, to wit:

From a database of 337,730 master games, White won 55.1% of the time. White won 54.3% of the time with 1. e4 openings (156,688 games [62,514 of them Sicilians]) and 56.3% of the time with 1. d4 openings (141,259 games). Where the e4 openings had the most difficulty was with the Sicilian Defense, winning only 52.6% of the time.



From Dave Shughart

As to the new format for the closed championship, all of the arguments against are, in my opinion, valid. As a TD, I think the pairing problems would be hard to resolve to the satisfaction of everyone involved in the tournament. The round-robin format, as Bill Lynch pointed out, provides for head-to-head competition and is self-pairing. The only gripe that I ever had about the old format is that it does not always produce a clear winner. The same can be said for the Swiss system. An option that might be considered is a four round Swiss, with a tie breaking game or games to provide for a single champion.

I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. McBroom's recommendation that the MCA business agenda be published in advance of the yearly meeting. This would allow for members not in attendance to vote by proxy on issues that affect them and the games they play in Montana.

Sincerely,

Dave Shughart

From Les Brennan

I, for one, voted against the Deca- Hombre Swiss. I lost. However, I hope I can be there to witness it, maybe even play in it, but not direct it.

I agree with Sherwood Moore that we may have a monster here, but, as Igor also put it: "It's alive!" It's here, and we're going to have to deal with it - the best we can. It might even be fun. But it won't be upon us before we can shake the Bylaws at it. Hopefully we'll have the foresight to work as many of the bugs out as possible before it happens. So, there is still time for comments from members wishing to contribute. Please, we need your help!

The MCA officers are already working on those anticipated problems mentioned in the "Forum" so far. Many thanks to the insightful contributors!

Sincerely,

Les Brennan

From John C. Thompson

Dear Les: In your latest issue, you asked for comments.

You are doing a wonderful job and putting out a very worthwhile chess magazine.

Best Regards,

John

From Michael Long

I would like to address the comments made by Bill Lynch, Sherwood Moore and Romie Carpenter about our new format for the State Championship.

As far as I am aware, these three gentlemen have never played in the six-man Closed, nor ever even watched a major portion of one of these tournaments. That's not meant to belittle anyone, but rather to point out that the aforementioned gentlemen have no actual working experience upon which to base their very strong objections to the big improvement that has been made to Montana chess.

I have played in two of the six-man Closed tournaments and know something about them;

1) The first thing that happens in these events is that a handful of paper bits is handed out for the players to draw from. Three of the players receive 3 white and 2 black pairings and the other three receive 2 white and 3 black pairings. In other words, pure blind luck plays far too heavy a role in deciding upon who would be the state champion. No high-level round robin in the world does anything this inane. They solve color disparity by playing double round robins, thereby removing the major source of pure blind luck.

2) An overwhelming majority of our membership, including members who have played in the six-man Closed, as well as former state champions, voted in favor of this big improvement to Montana chess.

That's what really counts, so let's spend our time enhancing what we've got to work with in Montana chess instead of desperately trying to find fault with it. The vote is in and the will of the finest chess players in Montana has been made clear.

Let's work with what we've got in a constructive way rather than blindly clinging to outworn ideas and poorly constructed systems. The Montana State Closed desperately needs the new life it has been given.

From the President's desk

Montana Chess Members,

The MCA Board of Directors wants your input. Below are four questions presently being considered by the Board. While some discussion has already been printed on these questions, this is a notice that the Board expects to vote on these questions on December 31, 1994.

Question #1)

Since the next Montana State Closed involves ten people, should the Board declare, at the Montana State Open, the date, time and location for the State Closed?

The general consensus is that the Board should [do this] because in the past, scheduling for the six-person Closed has been a difficult process.

Question #2)

Should the Bylaws be amended to require prior publication in the *Montana Chess News* of the agenda for the Montana State Open Business meeting?

This amendment would require prior publication of all proposals and motions that would be up for a vote at the Montana State Open business meeting.

Question #3)

Should the MCA have a proxy voting system, so MCA members who are absent from the Montana State Open business meeting can still vote on agenda by having another member vote for them?

Other organizations have proxy systems - The USCF for example. By having the business meeting agenda publicized before the business meeting, members will know the issues, and with a proxy system, a member can still vote even though he/she may not be able to attend the Montana State Open.

Question #4)

Should the MCA provide free first-year MCA memberships for first time tournament players who are joining USCF for their first time?

This gesture would remove the added cost burden for new players, and maybe answer the question of the "sanctioned" tournaments. MCA could require state association membership for all tournaments advertised in *MCN*, and new players wouldn't have to pay for it.

- David Duke



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Sherwood Moore
Nick Doulas
Jonni Ammond
Patrick Wolberd
Les Brennan

Upcoming Events



All MCA Grand Prix events will be advertised as:

AN MCA GRAND PRIX EVENT



UCCC TURKEY OPEN NOVEMBER 5, 6, 1994 \$255 GUARANTEED

Room 362, Social Science Building, University of Montana, Missoula, MT. 5 Round Swiss. Time control: G/2, Rounds: 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:30am, 1:00pm. Registration: 8:00 - 8:45am Nov. 5. EF \$15 if rec. by 11/3, \$20 at site. \$\$ G 255 - 1st \$100 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25, <1900 \$25 - \$15, <1700 \$15 - \$10, <1500 \$10 - \$5, Plaque for Biggest Upset (Both players must have nonprovisional rgt). MCA membership required (\$6), other states OK. No smoking, No computers, Wheelchair accessible. For advance registration or info, contact: Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota, Missoula, MT 59802 (406) 728 - 1695

YULETIDE OPEN DECEMBER 10, 1994

Room 106E, 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 Dec. 10 EF \$10 if by 12/8 (No phone entries) \$15 at site (juniors 1/2) Prizes: \$ per entries. MCA memb. rqd. (\$6) O.S. OK. NS, NC, W. For advance reg./info: Steve Scarff 214 S. Church Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 586-4479

MIDWINTER OPEN FEBRUARY 4, 5, 1995



AN MCA GRAND PRIX EVENT



Room 275, Student Union Building, MSU Bozeman, MT. 5 SS. Time control: 30/90, G/1 Rds: 9am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00am, 1:00pm. Reg: 8:15 - 8:45am Feb 4th. EF \$15 if by 2/2 (No phone entries) \$20 at site (juniors 1/2) Prizes = Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Biggest Upset. MCA memb. rqd. (\$6) O.S. OK. NS, NC, W. Reg./info: Steve Scarff 214 S. Church Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 586-4479

FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

(kind of a fictional fishing/chess story)

By
Don Price



I know fishing and chess do not seem to go together. Nevertheless, Paul and I did both on the same trip last week. First, we had heard about an upcoming chess tournament in Cooke City. September chess in Cooke! Fun idea! Hey, it will be close to some of our favorite fishing streams. We had fished Slough creek, Soda Butte and the Lamar River once before in September, in perfect conditions eleven years ago. The fish were rising like crazy then! We caught cutthroat and rainbow. They were in the fifteen to twenty inch range. Hey, and guess what else? We had all those little rivers to ourselves. That included Pebble creek, which I forgot to mention.

This September we found things a little different. The streams were low, the fish were not rising and there were hundreds of fishermen. And did they put us to shame! I mean, Paul was wearing an old fishing shirt with just about enough room for his fly box and some pipe tobacco. My patched-up waders didn't match. They were from two different pairs. These fishermen, on the other hand, were wearing these purdy vests with a lot of pockets full of stuff. Stuff I had never heard of - like surgeon forceps, stomach pumps, fly float, fly sink and more. Some of it would not be too handy in those big pockets though, so they dangled it on themselves. When they walked, they sounded prettier than they looked.

After two days of fun - but tough fishing, Paul and I headed for our Cooke City cabin. On the way there, we discussed the changes from eleven years ago. "Do you suppose the increase in fishing interest and equipment might have something to do with that paradigm shift phenomenon we heard about a while back?" Paul asked. "You mean that type of thinking where you shift into better ideas about things?" I said. "Yes, you know, like the ideas that got us from Swiss watches to digital ones." Paul said. "Oh! You mean like what got us from those old tea-time chess openings to dynamic openings such as the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit?" I asked. "Oh, hey! Maybe we should consider updating some of our fishing technique." Paul said. "Maybe our equipment, but not our technique." I said. "I enjoyed catching more fish than those other fishermen. At least the ones I could see."

At the cabin we took quick showers and then headed to the All Seasons Inn to register for the tournament. At last, a familiar sight! We saw friends who shared our love for chess. Chatting with them made us realize that the ol' boy network of Montana chess players was nearly complete. The top players were pretty relaxed or in their rooms. Others were preparing to not let the old story repeat itself. Brennan hoped to finally get Kennedy. Johansson was determined not to draw with Hull again. Everybody looked forward to watching Thompson and Scarff battle for first place.

And then there was a disturbance in the paradigm: Mr. Feldstein arrived from the big city. He won.

Montana's State Chess Champions

	NAME	YEAR
1	E.A.Edwards, Ivan Budaeff	1935
	K. Neilson, A. Hammer	1936
3	Douglas Graham	1937
4	H. L. Maury, R.R. Frazier	1938
5	J.W.Murray, H.L.Hayward	1939
6	J.vanTeylingen, D.Graham	1940
7	J. vanTeylingen	1941
8	D. Graham, E. Peterson	1942
9	Gerald Moore	1943
10	G. Moore, G. Zimmerman	1944
11	No tournament - WWII	1945
12	J.vanTeylingen, G.Moore	1946
13	J.vanTeylingen, G.Moore	1947
14	Moore,vanTeylingen,Dipaola	1948
15	B. Copping, H. L. Maury	1949
16	A. Smith, G. Sheridan	1950
17	A.Smith, J.vanTeylingen	1951
18	A.Smith, J.vanTeylingen	1952
19	J.vanTeylingen, R.Southern	1953
20	GeraldMoore, JohnBarto	1954

	NAME	YEAR
21	R. Edberg, Dr. A. Smith	1955
22	R. Edberg, Dr. A. Smith	1956
23	V. Pupols, Dr. A. Smith	1957
24	Dr.P.Lapikan, Dr.A.Smith	1958
25	Dr. Peter Lapikan	1959
26	Gerald Moore, Ellak Papp	1960
27	E. Papp, Dr. P. Lapikan	1961
28	Don Devore, Peter Erwin	1962
29	Dr. P. Lapikan, W. Albert	1963
30	Ted Brown, P. Lapikan	1964
31	Dr. P. Lapikan, W. Albert	1965
32	Wally Albert, Mike Murray	1966
33	Dr.P.Lapikan, M. Murray	1967
34	E. McCasky, D. Berkoff	1968
35	Dr.P.Lapikan, DanRogers	1969
36	Tai Hum, D. Reynolds	1970
37	Dr.P.Lapikan, L.Meierding	1971
38	Larry Ross, James Ostby	1972
39	Wally Albert, Ken Shinn	1973
40	Larry Ross, Otto Grosse	1974

	NAME	YEAR
41	Jim Loy, Tom Kalaris	1975
42	R. Goble, L. Meierding	1976
43	J. Temple, R. Barajas	1977
44	Marc Lynn, Bill Lynch	1978
45	Ken Shinn	1979
46	Kip Stubberud	1980
47	Guthrie, Loy, Stubberud	1981
48	James R. Loy	1982
49	James R. Loy	1983
50	William M. Lynch	1984
51	William M. Lynch	1985
52	John C. Thompson	1986
53	Thompson,Stubberud,Erickson	1987
54	Romie Carpenter	1988
55	Michael Jensen	1989
56	Kip Stubberud	1990
57	Zygmund Mayer	1991
58	Gregory Nowak	1992
59	Gregory Nowak	1993
60	Gregory Nowak	1994

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