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## A DARK HORSE

Outguns the Big Boys and Shoots Holes in another Biggest-Upset Record at the UCCC MIDSUMMER OPEN

They say ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny, but in chess jargon, weaker players (fish) have another set of figurative gill slits, that don't go away until they become stronger players.

Hans Anderson seems to have lost his fishhood for good at the Midsummer Open, for his game has evolved to the point that he is surviving with the fittest among players with much higher ratings. As a result of beating Greg Nowak, Jan Johansson and Michael Jensen, the MCA Upset of the Year now stands at 528 points! Story - page 2



**All the details of the State Closed inside !!** 

# What's New

## UCCC Midsummer:

- Report by Bill McBroom

A total of sixteen players participated in the 1995 Midsummer Open. From the start, it looked like things might be interesting when current State Champion Greg Nowak did not get to play on board #1 for the first round. A walk-in master - David G. Gertler, from Wilmington, Delaware - added spice to the tournament. Actually, the theme was upsets. Hans Anderson, of Missoula, upset Greg Nowak (528 rating points difference), Jan Johansson (440 points) and Mike Jensen (247 points). Hans said he has been studying (but didn't say what) and it certainly showed up in this tournament. He finished the five games with a master performance rating (2200.6!) by beating a master, a strong expert and a strong class "A" player. Losses to the highest rated player and to the tournament winner were probably not too hard to take.

Zygmund Mayer finished in this strong field with a perfect score of five points, besting two masters and an expert in the process. Zygmund's performance rating of 2357.4 for the tournament is most impressive. This showing won him the first prize of a trophy and \$60. A "could-have-been" is that Zygmund almost did not play in the first round. He and [his son] Eriel came in the playing hall just as the first round was starting. Their preregistration seems to have been lost in the mail, so they were paired with each other (which would have been very close to the pairing had they been included initially). A word to the wise is in order: even if you have preregistered for a tournament, drop by the playing site sometime during the registration period just to make sure.

Mike Jensen took the 2nd place trophy with his score of 3.5. Mike's performance rating of 2052.6 puts him solidly in the expert category. Romie Carpenter walked away with \$50 when his three points earned him the Best-Under-1900 prize. Hans Anderson's score of 3 was the best under 1700 so he took home another plaque and \$40 added to the Upset prize. Missoula's John Rayburn had high honors among the players under 1500. His three points earned him a plaque and \$30.

Thanks to Dan McCourt and his son Chris for serving as housemen. An available and willing houseman can make the day for someone who has come a long way to play. Unfortunately, players do not always inform TDs in a timely fashion that they are withdrawing. One of our good friends from Spokane - Gary Younker - had to sit on his hands during round 4 due to this problem. A plea from one TD: please inform the TD well in advance of round start times when you withdraw. While it may not affect tournament standings, it can rob a fellow player of a round's worth of chess fun. With advance notice, a houseman might be found.

## Postal:

Even though there are still two games in progress in the 1994-1995 Montana Postal Championship, Les Brennan has finished with 5.5 points to capture First Place after offering Sherwood Moore a draw in what was Les' last and most difficult game. Moore or Les. Had Sherwood won that game, there would have been a three-way tie for the title between Les, Sherwood and David Duke. David was therefore strongly urging Sherwood to fight to the last pawn (as mighty Queens from little "a" Pawns grow).

Next year's Postal will be USCF rated! There is not a better way to learn openings or even middlegame and endgame strategy than to think about a position or move for a day or two! Books are allowed, so some say that he who has the better books should fare best. Well, many of us have pithy opening books we've never really read, and postal chess affords an excuse to follow those lines very carefully, learning the pitfalls and traps until the opening theory is exhausted. Then, having read the pith out of those books, we're in a decent middlegame, au courant, and on our own. Then come the tactics books. This is how postal chess engenders sharper OTB skills.

Think about getting in this next year's championship. It's lots of fun, especially knowing the people you're playing. You can "talk" (by including comments on the card) during the game. It is this feature the Editor enjoys most about playing postal chess with Montana friends. Sans the ante-bellum handshake, the chess is the same, maybe better. If you don't have a postal rating yet, this will get you one.

## GP Time Controls:

The Board of Directors voted to allow G/90 as the fastest time control in Grand Prix events. This was requested by several members seeking more latitude for tournament organizers. The idea allows for flexibility in several areas: the number of rounds; the starting times for rounds; departure times, etc.

## The Closed:

When you heard how well the heterodoxical Ten-Person Closed went, you might have recalled some of the caveats that were issued against the format throughout the year. Yet one sparrow does not a summer make. Highway Swiss Ten is not quite littered with retractions from those who predicted problems at the Closed. It could be said that the worst-case scenario simply did not become reality. Actually, in view of all that could have gone wrong, one of the best-case scenarios transpired. Things went smoothly and we have one sole champion who gave a credible performance, rendering his opponents (Montana's strongest players) into plowshares.

The Jensen Juggernaut entered the Closed as an alternate for Bill McBroom and played one of the best tournaments of his life to earn the 1995 Montana Champion title. Mike beat Jan Johansson in round 1, beat Kip Stubberud in round 2, drew Greg Nowak in round 3, beat Zygmund Mayer in round 4 and drew with David Duke in round 5. All of those games are in this issue for your study and enjoyment, plus more. The Editor was there, and opines that none of the Closed games were pedestrian, except for maybe one GM draw!

## Closed Watchers:

Another "Dark-Horse" story: There were seven players in the Closed Watchers, and the lowest rated player among them won the event. Jonni Ammond, besides taking clear First Place, got another feather in his cap with a fine upset over Jim Loy (469 upset points). This was a G/90 event, and Jonni used his clock (and Jan's tutoring?) very effectively. Warning: if Jonni ever sits across from you OTB, give him all due respect, for numbers can be deceiving, and you just could end up being another unsuspecting benchmark for his lagging rating. Eriel Mayer also deserves mention for his first three game draws with Brennan, Carpenter and Long.

Jonni and Eriel have caused more than one "A" player to feel as though the rip cords on their plummeting ratings were jammed.

## Wannabe Action:

This event, also held in conjunction with the Closed, had six participants. Les Brennan took First Place, managing to win every game but one - a draw with Jonni Ammond - in a round robin which was reformatted because of the diminutive total of six players. This was G/30, so there wasn't much - if any - "Closed watching" going on during these games.

Jonni Ammond scored, yes, another fine upset (347 points) over Michael Long. The USCF rating computer is going to be smokin!

J. Michael  
Jensen



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**UCCC 1ST SUMMER OPEN 6/15,22,29/95**

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1	Sherwood Moore	1702	W 8	W 6	W 4	3
2	William McBroom	1638	W 9	D 5	D 6	2
3	Michael Martinez	1393	L 6	X10	X 8	2
4	Ryan Cain	1223	W10	W 7	L 1	2
5	David Shughart	1825	W 7	D 2	U--	1.5
6	Ted Catton	1700	W 3	L 1	D 2	1.5
7	John Rayburn	1443	L 5	L 4	W 9	1
8	Don Gisselbeck	1393	L 1	D 9	F 3	0.5
9	Dale Gross	1246	L 2	D 8	L 7	0.5
10	Rich Gray	1475	L 4	F 3	U--	0

**MONTANA STATE CLOSED 7/29,30/95**

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOT
1	Jensen	1939	W 3	W 2	D 5	W 4	D 6	4
2	Stubberud	2059	D 9	L 1	W 8	W10	W 3	3.5
3	Johansson	2132	L 1	W 7	W 4	W 5	L 2	3
4	Z. Mayer	2021	W 6	W 9	L 3	L 1	D 5	2.5
5	Nowak	2220	D 7	W 8	D 1	L 3	D 4	2.5
6	Duke	1791	L 4	L10	W 7	W 9	D 1	2.5
7	Kuba	1952	D 5	L 3	L 6	W 8	D10	2
8	Thompson	2100	W10	L 5	L 2	L 7	W 9	2
9	Skovron	1839	D 2	L 4	W10	L 6	L 8	1.5
10	Phillips	1846	L 8	W 6	L 9	L 2	D 7	1.5

**UCCC MIDSUMMER OPEN 7/15,16/95**

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOT
1	Z. Mayer	2021	W13	W 5	W 8	W 3	W 7	5
2	Jensen	1939	W10	D 3	L 5	W 9	W 8	3.5
3	Gertler	2291	W12	D 2	D 7	L 1	W 5	3
4	Carpenter	1833	W 6	L 8	W12	L 7	W11	3
5	Anderson	1692	W 7	L 1	W 2	W 8	L 3	3
6	Rayburn	1443	L 4	W10	L 9	W13	W16	3
7	Nowak	2220	L 5	W 9	D 3	W 4	L 1	2.5
8	Johansson	2132	W14	W 4	L 1	L 5	L 2	2
9	Moore	1702	D11	L 7	W 6	L 2	D13	2
10	G. Younker	1646	L 2	L 6	W13	X14	U--	2
11	Ammond	1384	D 9	L12	W14	D15	L 4	2
12	Erickson	1701	L 3	W11	L 4	U--	U--	1
13	E. Mayer	1452	L 1	D14	L10	L 6	D 9	1
14	Wilson	1650	L 8	D13	L11	F10	U--	0.5
15	D. McCourt	1735	U--	U--	U--	D11	U--	0.5
16	C. McCourt	1097	U--	U--	U--	U--	L 6	0

**WANNABE ACTION OPEN 7/30/95**

	NAME	RTG	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOT
1	Brennan	1803	X	1	0.5	1	1	1	4.5
2	Carpenter	1833	0	X	1	1	1	1	4
3	Ammond	1384	0.5	0	X	1	1	1	3.5
4	E. Mayer	1452	0	0	0	X	1	1	2
5	Long	1731	0	0	0	0	X	1	1
6	Schnee	1611	0	0	0	0	0	X	0

**UCCC 2ND SUMMER OPEN 7/13,20,27/95**

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1	Sherwood Moore	1702	W 8	W 7	D 2	2.5
2	Romie Carpenter	1833	W 6	D 5	D 1	2
3	Ron Erickson	1701	D 4	W 8	D 6	2
4	J. Michael Jensen	1939	D 3	F 6	W 7	1.5
5	William McBroom	1638	U--	D 2	X 8	1.5
6	John Rayburn	1443	L 2	X 4	D 3	1.5
7	Donald Gisselbeck	1393	BYE	L 1	L 4	1
8	Ryan Cain	1223	L 1	L 3	F 5	0

**CLOSED WATCHERS OPEN 7/29/95**

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOT
1	Ammond	1384	BYE	L 3	W 7	W 6	3
2	Carpenter	1833	W 7	L 6	D 5	W 3	2.5
3	Brennan	1803	D 5	W 1	W 6	L 2	2.5
4	Long	1731	L 6	D 5	BYE	W 7	2.5
5	E. Mayer	1452	D 3	D 4	D 2	BYE	2.5
6	Loy	1853	W 4	W 2	L 3	L 1	2
7	Scarff	1600	L 2	BYE	L 1	L 4	1



# Think !

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# Postal !

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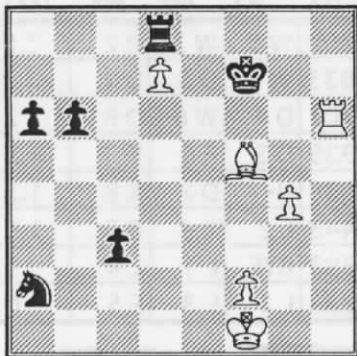


J. Michael Jensen at the Closed

# Recent Games

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 UCCC 1st Summer Open  
 6/22/95      Round 2  
 Evans Gambit

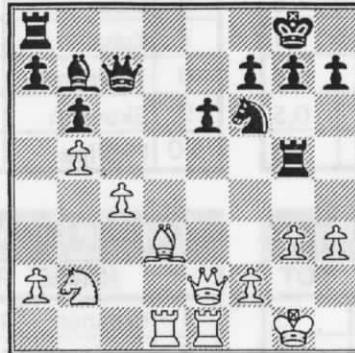
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. b4 Bxb4 5. c3 Bd6 6. O-O Nf6 7. d4 O-O 8. Bg5 h6 9. Bh4 ed4 10. cd4 Be7 11. Nc3 d6 12. Re1 Bg4 13. Re3 Na5 14. Bd3 c5 15. d5 c4 16. Bc2 a6 17. h3 Bf3 18. Qf3 Ne8 19. Be7 Qe7 20. e5 de5 21. Rae1 Qf6 22. Qe4 g6 23. Rf3 Qg7 24. Qe5 Qe5 25. Re5 Nd6 26. Ne4 Ne4 27. Be4 f5 28. Bc2 Rf6 29. Rfe3 b6 30. Re6 Re6 31. Re6 Kf7 32. g4 fg4 33. Bg6 Kg7 34. hg4 Nb7 35. Bc2 Nc5 36. Rg6 Kf7 37. Rh6 Nd3 38. Kf1 Rd8 39. d6 Nb4 40. Bf5 Na2 41. d7 c3



42. Be6+ Ke7 43. Bxa2 c2 44. Rc6 Rxd7 45. Rxc2 **Black Resigns.**

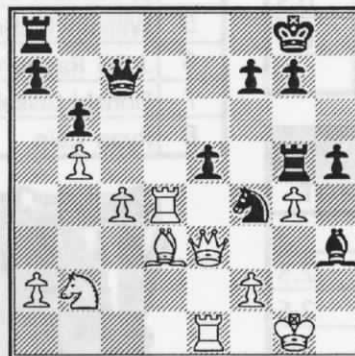
Cain 1223      Rayburn 1443  
 UCCC 1st Summer Open  
 6/22/95      Round 2  
 Owen Defense  
 Annotations by Les Brennan

1. e4 b6 2. d4 Bb7 3. Bd3 e6 4. Nf3 c5 5. Be3 cd4 6. Bd4 Nc6 7. Bc3 Nf6 8. Nbd2 Be7 9. O-O O-O 10. h3 Qc7 11. Re1 d6 12. b4 Rfd8 13. b5 Ne5 14. Ne5 de5 15. Bb2 Nd7 16. Nf3 Nc5 17. Ne5 Bf6 18. Nc4 Bb2 19. Nb2 Ne4 20. Qe2 Nf6 21. Rad1 Rd5 22. c4 Rg5 23. g3 (diagram, next column)



23...Nh5

Black could have had some real fun with 23...Rxf3+, e.g. 24. fxf3 Qxf3+ 25. Kf1 Qxh3+ 26. Kg1 (26. Kf2 Ng4+) Ng4 and the white Queen would have to capture the knight or the black Queen mates on h1. Another line might have gone 24. Kf1 Bg2+ 25. Kg1 Bf3+ 26. fxf3 Qxf3+ 27. Kf1 Qxh3+ 28. Kf2 Ng4+ 29. Kg1 Qh1 Mate.  
 24. g4 Nf4 25. Qe3 h5 26. Be2 Bg2 27. Rd4 e5 28. Bd3 Bxh3?



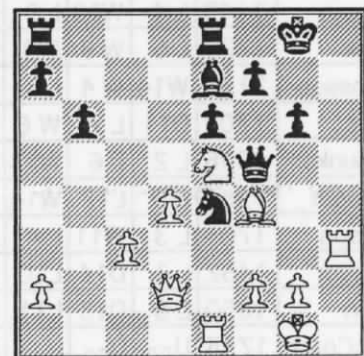
White can now punish Black for being too slow.

29. Rxf4! g6 30. Re4 Rxf4+ 31. Rxf4 Bxf4 32. Be4 Re8 33. Nd3 Qc4 34. Bc6 Re7 35. Ne5 Qa2 36. Qg5 Qa3 37. Rc1 Kg7 38. Ng4 hg4 39. Kg2 Qh3 40. Kg1 Re2 41. Qf4 f5 42. Bg2 Qh4 43. Rc7 Re7 44. Qd4 Kh6 45. Qh8 Kg5 46. Qh4 Kh4 47. Re7 f4 48. Re4 Kg5 49. Kh2 Kf5 50. f3 g5 51. Re7 gf3 52. Bf3 Kf6 53. Ra7 Ke5 **And Black Resigns.**

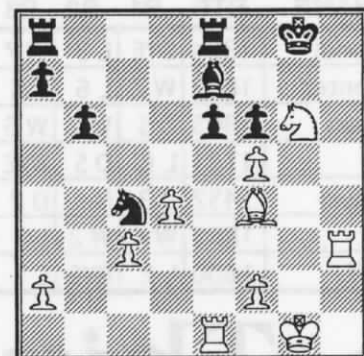
Anderson 1692      Nowak 2220  
 UCCC Midsummer Open  
 7/15/95      Round 1  
 Caro-Kann Defense

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 MCA Upset of the Year (to date)

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 cd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. Nf3 Be7 7. cd5 Nd5 8. Bd3 Nc6 9. O-O Nc3 10. bc3 O-O 11. Re1 g6 12. Bh6 Re8 13. Qd2 Qd6 14. h4 b6 15. h5 Bb7 16. hg6 hg6 17. Bf4 Qd5 18. Be4 Qh5 19. Ne5 Na5 20. Bb7 Nb7 21. Re3 Nd6 22. Rh3 Qf5 23. Re1 Ne4



24. g4! Nxd2 25. gxf5 f6 26. Nxf6 Nc4



27. Rh8+ Kf7 28. Rh7+ Kg8 29. Rxe7 Rxe7 30. Nxe7+ Kf7 31. Nc6 Rg8+ 32. Kf1 Rg4 33. fxe6+ Ke8 34. Bb8 Rh4 35. d5 Rh1+ 36. Ke2 Rh4 37. Rg1 Kf8 38. e7+ Kf7 39. Rg8! Re4+ 40. Kd3 f5 41. Rf8+! Kg7 42. e8=Q **Black Resigns.**

Gertler 2291 Erickson 1701  
 UCCC Midsummer Open  
 7/15/95 Round 1  
 Modern Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. c3 c6 4. Nf3  
 d5 5. Nbd2 Nd7 6. Bd3 e5 7. ed5 cd5  
 8. de5 Ne5 9. Ne5 Be5 10. O-O Ne7  
 11. Nf3 Bg4 12. Qa4 Bd7 13. Qh4 f6  
 14. Ne5 fe5 15. Qf6 Rf8 16. Qe5  
 Bf5 17. Bb5 Bd7 18. Bd7 Qd7 19.  
 Bh6 Rg8 20. Bg5 Rc8 21. Rae1 Rc7  
 22. Be7 **Black Resigns.**

Rayburn 1443 G. Younker 1646  
 UCCC Midsummer Open  
 7/15/95 Round 2  
 London System

1. d4 d6 2. Bf4 b6 3. Nf3 Bb7 4. e3  
 g6 5. Nbd2 Bg7 6. Bd3 Nd7 7. e4 e5  
 8. Be3 Ne7 9. d5 O-O 10. g4 c6 11.  
 c4 a6 12. Qc2 Nc5 13. Bc5 bc5 14.  
 h4 Qd7 15. O-O-O Qg4 16. Rdg1 Qd7  
 17. h5 f6 18. hg6 hg6 19. Nh4 g5  
 20. Nf5 Nf5 21. ef5 cd5 22. f3 a5  
 23. Rh2 Kf7 24. b3 dc4 25. Nc4 d5  
 26. Nb6 Qc7 27. Na8 Ba8 28. Rg4  
 Rc8 29. Qc3 Bb7 30. Rc2 d4 31.  
 Bc4 Kf8 32. Qd3 Qb6 33. Be6 Rc7  
 34. Rc4 Ba6 35. Qe4 Qa7 36. Qd5  
 Bb5 37. Qd6 Re7 38. Rc5 Be8 39.  
 Rg2 Bd7 40. Rgc2 Be6 41. fe6 Kg8  
 42. Rc7 Rc7 43. Rc7 Qb8 44. Rg7  
 Kg7 45. Qb8 **Black Resigns.**

Jensen 1939 Gertler 2291  
 UCCC Midsummer Open  
 7/15/95 Round 2  
 Torre Attack

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bg5 Ne4 4.  
 Bh4 c5 5. e3 Qb6 6. Qc1 Qh6 7. Bb5  
 Bd7 8. Bd7 Nd7 9. O-O Rc8 10. Qd1  
 e6 11. Nbd2 cd4 12. ed4 Bd6 13.  
 Bg3 Bg3 14. hg3 Nd2 15. Nd2 O-O  
 16. c3 Rc6 17. Nf3 Qh5 18. Ne5 Qd1  
 19. Rad1 Ne5 20. de5 Rc4 21. Rfe1  
 Rfc8 22. Kf1 h5 23. Re3 g5 24.  
 Red3 Kg7 25. Rd4 Kg6 26. f4 Kf5  
 27. Kf2 h4 28. fg5 hg3 29. Kg3 Kg5  
 30. Rf1 Rd4 31. cd4 Rc2 32. Rf7  
 Rb2 33. Rf6 Ra2 34. Re6 b5 35. Rd6  
 b4 36. Rd5 Ra6 37. Rd8 b3 38. Rg8  
 Kf5 39. Rf8 Ke4 40. Rb8 **Draw.**

Nowak 2220 Gertler 2291  
 UCCC Midsummer Open  
 7/15/95 Round 3  
 Benko Opening

1. g3 d5 2. Bg2 c6 3. c4 e6 4. cd5  
 ed5 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. O-O Bf5 7. b3 Bd6  
 8. Ba3 O-O 9. Nh4 Be4 10. d3 Bg2  
 11. Kg2 Re8 12. e3 Ba3 13. Na3 a5  
 14. Nc2 Nbd7 15. Nd4 Qb6 16. Qc2  
 Ne5 **Draw (yawn) Agreed.**

Anderson 1692 Johansson 2132  
 UCCC Midsummer Open  
 7/16/95 Round 4  
 French Defense

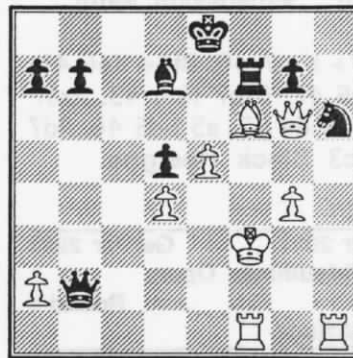
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6  
 5. Be3 Qb6 6. Qd2 Bd7 7. f4 Rc8 8.  
 Nf3 Nh6 9. h3 Nf5 10. Bf2 h5 11. g3  
 cd4 12. cd4 Na5 13. Nc3 Nc4 14.  
 Bc4 Rc4 15. O-O Bb4 16. Kg2 Ke7  
 17. g4 hg4 18. hg4 Nh6 19. Rh1 Rf8



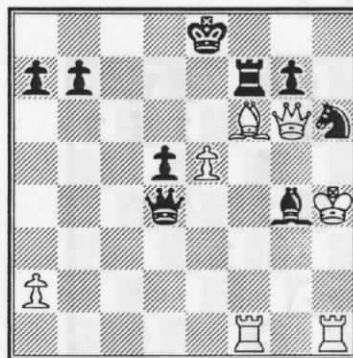
20. f5! Bxc3 (20...Nxc3? 21. Qg5+)  
 21. bxc3 exf5 22. Qg5+ Ke8 23.  
 Bh4 Qb2+ 24. Kg3 f4+ 25. Kxf4 f6  
 26. Qg6+ Rf7



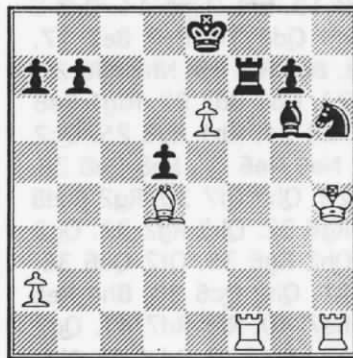
27. Bxf6! Rxc3 28. Raf1 Rxf3+  
 29. Kxf3 (diagram next column)



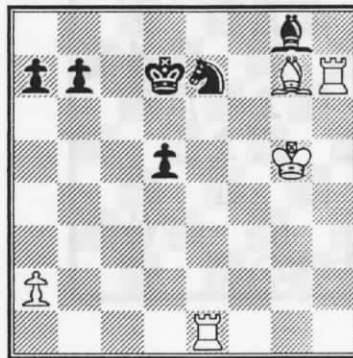
29...Bxg4+ 30. Kg3 Qc3+ 31. Kh4  
 Qxd4



32. e6! Bf5+ 33. Bxd4 Bxg6



34. exf7+ Bxf7 35. Bxg7 Ng8 36.  
 Re1+ Kd7 37. Kg5 Ne7 38. Rh7 Bg8



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Anderson - Johansson, cont.

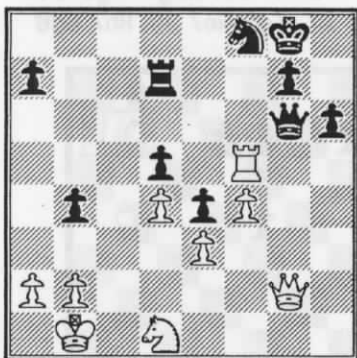
39. Rxe7+ Kxe7 40. Bf6+ Ke6 41. Re7+ Kd6 42. Rxb7 Kc6 43. Rxa7 Kc5 44. a4 d4 45. a5 Bd5 46. Rd7 d3 47. Bc3 **Black Resigns.**

Z. Mayer 2021 Gertler 2291  
 UCCC Midsummer Open  
 7/16/95 Round 4  
 Grob's Attack

1. g4 d5 2. Bg2 c6 3. h3 e5 4. d4 e4 5. c4 Na6 6. Nc3 Nc7 7. cd5 cd5 8. Qb3 Bd6 9. Bd2 Ne7 10. g5 O-O 11. h4 Nf5 12. e3



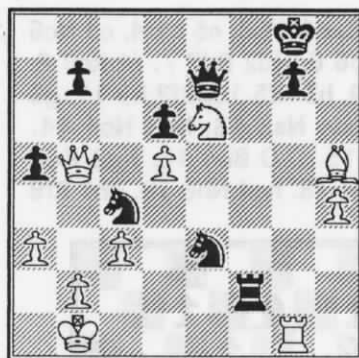
12...Nxh4! 13. Bf1 Qxg5 14. O-O-O Ng6 15. f4 Qd8 16. Be2 Be7 17. Rf1 f5 18. Bh5 Rf6 19. Nh3 Nf8 20. Be1 Rb6 21. Qd1 Bd7 22. Rfg1 Be8 23. Ng5 Rc8 24. Kb1 Rd6 25. Qe2 Nce6 26. Ne6 Ne6 27. Be8 Qe8 28. Qh2 Nf8 29. Qh3 Qf7 30. Rg2 Rcd8 31. Qg3 Rg6 32. Qh3 Rg2 33. Qg2 Rd6 34. Qh2 Rg6 35. Qf2 Qe6 36. Rh5 Rf6 37. Qh2 Qc6 38. Bh4 Re6 39. Be7 Re7 40. Rf5 Rd7 41. Qg2 b5 42. Qg5 h6 43. Qg2 b4 44. Nd1 44...Qg6??



45. Rxf8+ Kh7 46. Rh8+ **Black Resigns.**

Z. Mayer 2021 Nowak 2220  
 UCCC Midsummer Open  
 7/16/95 Round 5  
 Grob's Attack

1. g4 Nc6 2. d4 e5 3. d5 Nce7 4. Nf3 Ng6 5. h4 h5 6. g5 Bc5 7. Qd3 d6 8. Nc3 a6 9. Bg2 N8e7 10. a3 Bf5 11. e4 Bg4 12. Be3 Be3 13. fe3 Qb8 14. Ne2 c6 15. Ng3 cd5 16. ed5 O-O 17. Nd2 Qc7 18. c3 e4 19. Be4 Ne5 20. Qd4 f5 21. gf6 Rf6 22. Bc2 Raf8 23. Nge4 Rf3 24. O-O-O Nf5 25. Qb4 a5 26. Qb5 Ne3 27. Nf3 Bf3 28. Ng5 Bd1 29. Bd1 Qe7 30. Ne6 Rf7 31. Rg1 N3g4 32. Bc2 Nf3 33. Rh1 Ne3 34. Bg6 Ne5 35. Bh5 Rf2 36. Kb1 N5c4 37. Rg1

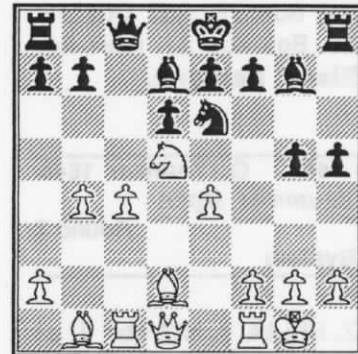


And Black's flag falls.

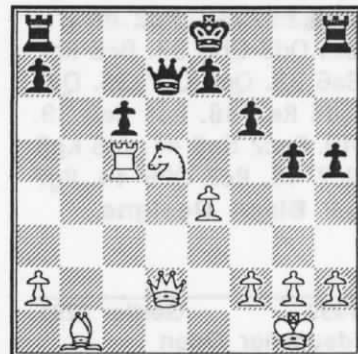


Les Brennan David Duke  
 94/95 Montana Postal  
 Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cd4 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. Nd4 g6 5. c4 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Nc3 Ng4 8. Qg4 Nd4 9. Qd1 Ne6 10. Rc1 Qa5 11. Bd3 d6 12. O-O g5 13. Bb1 h5 14. Bd2 Bd7 15. Nd5 Qc5 16. b4 Qc8



17. Be3? (proving that one can fall asleep even during a postal game. 17. Bc3 was necessary) 17...Bb2 18. Qd2 Bxc1 19. Rxc1 f6 20. c5 dxc5 21. Bxc5 Nxc5 22. Rxc5 Bc6 23. b5 Qd7 24. bxc6 bxc6



25. Bd3!

White is now poised for a cheapo; Black can't take the Knight with the Pawn because of Bb5!

25...Qd6 26. Rxc6!

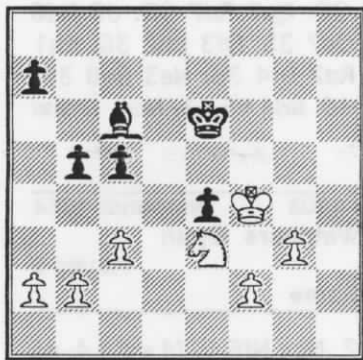
The Bishop on d3 again enables White to toy with the same tactical theme.

26...Qxc6 27. Bb5 Qxb5 28. Nc7+ Kf7 29. Nxb5 Rhd8 30. Qe2 Rac8 31. g3 Rc1 32. Kg2 g4 33. h3 Rdd1 34. hg4 a6 35. Na7 Rd7 36. gh5 Ra7 37. h6 Kg6 38. Qg4+ **Black Resigns.**

**Think Postal  
 1995-1996**

Jensen 1939      Johansson 2132  
 1995 Montana State Closed  
 7/29/95              Round 1  
**French Defense**

1. e4 e6 2. d4 c5 3. c3 b6 4. Nf3  
 Bb7 5. Bd3 Nf6 6. Nbd2 Be7 7. O-O  
 Nc6 8. Re1 d6 9. Nf1 Qc7 10. e5  
 de5 11. de5 Nd7 12. Bf4 h6 13. Qe2  
 g5 14. Bg3 h5 15. h4 gh4 16. Nh4  
 O-O-O 17. Bb5 Rdg8 18. Nf3 h4 19.  
 Bf4 Rg4 20. Bh2 Rhg8 21. Ne3 R4g7  
 22. Bf4 Ncb8 23. Kh2 f6 24. Rad1  
 Ne5 25. Be5 fe5 26. Kh1 e4 27. Nh2  
 Qf4 28. Bc4 Rg6 29. Nhg4 Bd6 30.  
 Rd2 Be5 31. Ne5 Qe5 32. Red1 h3  
 33. g3 Rf8 34. Rg1 Bc6 35. Rgd1  
 Qc7 36. Rd6 Rh6 37. Qd2 Rfh8 38.  
 Kh2 R8h7 39. Kh1 h2 40. Re6 Re6  
 41. Be6 Kb7 42. Qd6 Nd7 43. Bd7  
 Rd7 44. Qc7 Kc7 45. Rd7 Kd7 46.  
 Kh2 Ke6 47. Kh3 Ke5 48. Kg4 Bb5  
 49. Kg5 Bd7 50. Ng4 Ke6 51. Kf4  
 Bc6 52. Ne3 b5



53. Nf1! **Black Resigns.**

(54. Nd2 and Black's e4 Pawn falls, leaving White with two connected, past Queen larvae)

Stubberud 2059      Jensen 1939  
 1995 Montana State Closed  
 7/29/95              Round 2  
**Modern Defense**

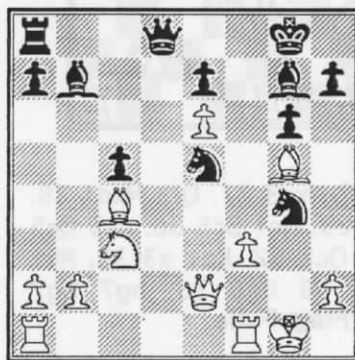
1. d4 g6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4  
 d6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Bg5 c5 7. d5  
 Qa5 8. f3 Na6 9. Qd2 Re8 10. Bh6  
 Bh8 11. h4 Bd7 12. h5 Nc7 13.  
 hg6 fg6 14. a4 Na6 15. Nh3 Nb4  
 16. g4 a6 17. Kf2 Reb8 18. Nf4  
 Qd8 19. Rh2 b5 20. Rah1 bc4 21.  
 Bg5 Qe8 22. Bf6 Bf6 23. Rh7 g5  
 24. Nh5 Qf8 25. Nf6 Qf6 26. R1h5  
 Qd4 27. Ke1 Qg1+ 28. Bf1



28...Nd3+! 29. Qxd3 cxd3 30. Rh8+  
 Kf7 31. R8h7+ Kf6 32. e5+ Kxe5  
 33. Rxe7+ Kf6 34. Reh7 Qe3+ 35.  
 Be2 Re8 36. R5h6+ Ke5 37. f4+  
 Kd4 38. Rh3 Qc1+ 39. Kf2 dxe2 40.  
 Re3 Qf1+ 41. Kg3 e1=Q+  
 42. **White Resigns.**

Skovron 1839      Z. Mayer 2021  
 1995 Montana State Closed  
 7/29/95              Round 2  
**Benko Gambit Declined**

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. Nc3  
 bc4 5. e4 d6 6. Bc4 g6 7. f4 Nbd7 8.  
 Nf3 Bg7 9. O-O O-O 10. e5 de5 11.  
 fe5 Ng4 12. e6 Nde5 13. Qe2 fe6  
 14. de6 Bb7 15. Bg5 Rf3 16. gf3



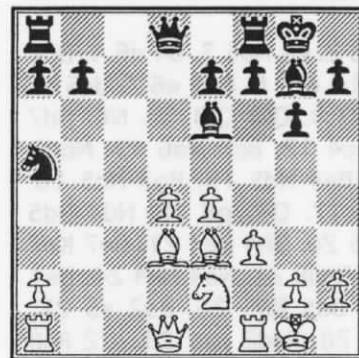
16...Qd4+ 17. Rf2 Nxf2 18. Qxf2  
 Nxf3+ 19. **White Resigns.**

Nowak 2220      Thompson 2100  
 1995 Montana State Closed  
 7/29/95              Round 2  
**Benko Opening**

1. g3 e5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Bg2 d5 4. cd5  
 Nd5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. O-O Be7 7. d4  
 ed4 8. Nd4 Nd4 9. Qd4 Nb4 10. Qg7  
 Bf6 11. Qh6 Nc2 12. Nc3 Bc3 13.  
 bc3 Na1 14. Qg7 Rf8 15. Ba3  
**Black Resigns.**

Thompson 2100      Stubberud 2059  
 1995 Montana State Closed  
 7/29/95              Round 3  
**Grünfeld Defense**

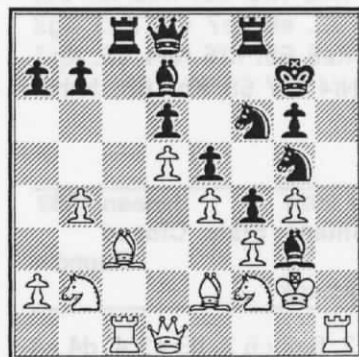
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cd5  
 Nd5 5. e4 Nc3 6. bc3 Bg7 7. Bc4 c5  
 8. Ne2 Nc6 9. Be3 O-O 10. O-O Bg4  
 11. f3 cd4 12. cd4 Na5 13. Bd3 Be6



14. d5? Bxa1 15. Qxa1 f6 16. Nd4  
 Bd7 17. Bh6 Re8 18. Qe1 b5 19.  
 Qg3 Nc4 20. f4 Qb6 21. Qf2 Rac8  
 22. f5 Ne5 23. Be2 Nf7 24. Be3  
 Qb8 25. Ne6 Rc3 26. Bd4 Rc2 27.  
 Qe3 Ra2 28. fg6 hg6 29. Bf6 ef6  
 30. Rf6 Qb6 31. Rg6 Kh8 32.  
**White Resigns.**

Kuba 1952      Duke 1791  
 1995 Montana State Closed  
 7/29/95              Round 3  
**King's Indian Defense**

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4  
 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. O-O Nc6  
 8. d5 Ne7 9. b4 Nh5 10. g3 f5 11.  
 Ng5 Nf6 12. f3 f4 13. g4 h6 14. Nh3  
 Nh7 15. c5 Kh8 16. Bb2 Bf6 17. Rc1  
 Bd7 18. Nf2 Bh4 19. Nd3 h5 20. h3  
 hg4 21. hg4 Ng5 22. Kg2 Kg7 23.  
 Na4 Ng8 24. cd6 cd6 25. Bc3 Bg3  
 26. Nab2 Rc8 27. Nf2 Nf6 28. Rh1



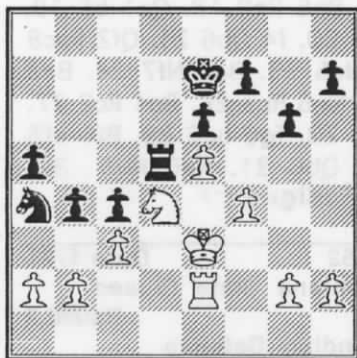
now, for some tactics...

Kuba - Duke cont.

28...Bxf2! 29. Kxf2 Nxg4+ 30. fxe4 Nxe4+ 31. **White Resigns.**

Jensen 1939 Nowak 2220  
1995 Montana State Closed  
7/29/95 Round 3  
Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Bc4 Nb6 5. Bb3 de5 6. Qh5 e6 7. de5 c5 8. c3 Qd3 9. Qf3 Qf3 10. Nf3 Bd7 11. Bf4 c4 12. Bc2 Na6 13. Nbd2 Bc6 14. Be4 Nd5 15. Bg3 Nc5 16. Bc2 Nb6 17. O-O g6 18. Nd4 Bd5 19. f4 a6 20. Bh4 Be7 21. Be7 Ke7 22. Rfe1 Rhd8 23. Ne4 Ne4 24. Be4 Na4 25. Bd5 Rd5 26. Re2 a5 27. Rd1 Ra6 28. Rdd2 Ra8 29. Kf2 Rc8 30. Ke3 b5 31. Nf3 Rcd8 32. Rd5 Rd5 33. Nd4 b4

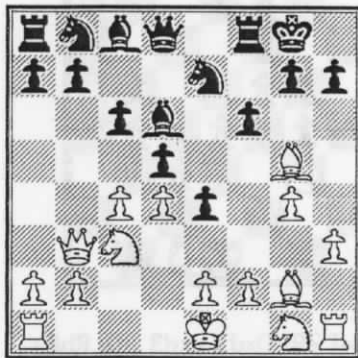


34. cxb4 axb4 35. Nc6+ Ke8 36. Nxb4 Rd1 37. Rd2 Re1 38. Kd4 Rc1 39. Rc2 Rc2 40. Nc2 Nb2 41. Kc3 Nd3 42. g3 g5 43. Kc4 Nf2 44. a4 Kd7 45. a5 gf4 46. gf4 Nh3 47. Kb5 Kc7 48. Ne3 Nf4 49. a6 Ng6 50. Nc4 Ne7 51. Nd6 Nc6 52. Nf7 Nd4 53. Kc4 Nf3 54. h3 Kb6 55. a7 Ka7 56. Kc5 Kb7 57. Kd6 Nd4 58. Nd8 Kc8 59. Ne6 Nf5 60. Kd5 h6 61. Nf4 Kd7 62. e6 Ke7 63. Ke5 Ng3 64. Ng6 Ke8 65. Kf6 Ne4 66. Kg7 Ng5 67. Nf4 Ke7 68. Kh6 68...Nxb3! **Draw.**

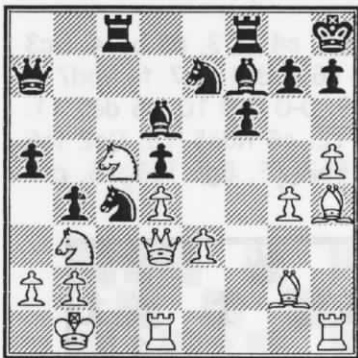
Z. Mayer 2021 Jensen 1939  
1995 Montana State Closed  
7/30/95 Round 4  
Grob's Attack

1. g4 d5 2. Bg2 c6 3. h3 e5 4. d4 e4 5. c4 Bd6 6. Nc3 Ne7 7. Bg5 O-O

8. Qb3 f6



9. Be3  
(9. cxd5!? fxe5 10. dxc6+ Kh8 11. cxb7 Bxb7 12. Qxb7 would have been an interesting option)  
9...Kh8 10. O-O-O Bc7 11. cd5 cd5 12. f3 ef3 13. Nf3 Nbc6 14. Nd2 Na5 15. Qc2 Be6 16. Kb1 Bf7 17. Bf2 Rc8 18. h4 Bf4 19. h5 b5 20. Qd3 b4 21. Na4 Nc4 22. e3 Bd6 23. Nb3 a5 24. Bh4 Qd7 25. Nac5 Qa7



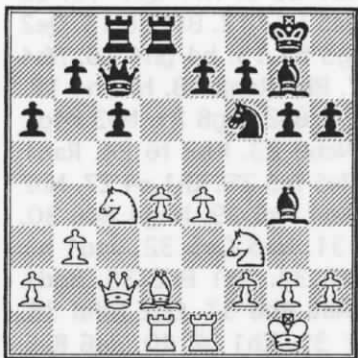
26. Qf1?? Nxe3 27. Qf3 Nxd1 28. Rxd1 a4 29. Nc1 Bc5 30. dc5 Qc5 31. Nd3 Qc2 32. Ka1 a3 33. Rb1 Nc6 34. h6 Bg6 35. hg7 Kg7 **Black's Flag Falls.**

Nowak 2220 Z. Mayer 2220  
1995 Montana State Closed  
7/30/95 Round 5  
Benko Opening

1. b3 Nf6 2. Bb2 b5 3. e3 Bb7 4. f4 e6 5. Nf3 a6 6. Be2 c5 7. O-O Be7 8. Ne5 d6 9. Ng4 Nbd7 10. Bf3 Qc7 11. Bb7 Qb7 12. f5 **Draw (yawn) Agreed.**

Jensen 1939 Duke 1791  
1995 Montana State Closed  
7/30/95 Round 5  
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 g6 4. O-O Bg7 5. c3 a6 6. Bc6 dc6 7. d3 Nf6 8. Re1 O-O 9. Bg5 Be6 10. Qc2 Qc7 11. Na3 Rfd8 12. Rad1 Qb6 13. b3 Qc7 14. d4 cd4 15. cd4 Rac8 16. Nc4 h6 17. Bd2 Bg4



18. Ba5 Qb8 19. Bxd8 Rxd8 20. Nce5 Be6 21. Qc5 Qc7 22. Nd2 Nd7 23. Nd7 Rd7 24. Nf3 Qd8 25. h3 Kh7 26. Rd2 f6 27. Red1 Bf7 28. d5 cd5 29. ed5 Rd6 30. Ne1 e6 31. Nc2 Bf8 32. Qa7 Rd7 33. d6 Bd6 34. Qe3 Qc7 35. Qf3 Bh2 36. Kh1 Rd2 37. Rd2 Bf4 38. Ne3 Be8 39. Qd1 Bc6 40. Rd4 h5 41. Nc4 **Draw Agreed.**

Brennan 1803 Ammond 1384  
Closed Watchers Open  
7/29/95 Round 2  
Vienna Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f4 exf4 4. e5 Qe7 5. Qe2 Ng8 6. Nd5 Qc5 7. Qe4 g6 8. d4

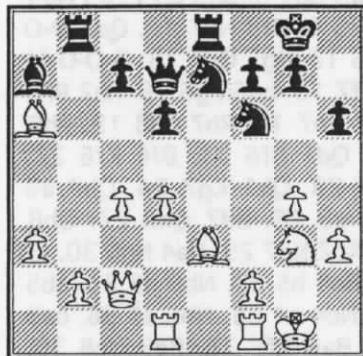


8...f5?? 9. exf6e.p.+ Kd8 10. dxc5 Bxc5 11. Bxf4 Nh6 12. Bxc7 **Mate.**

Carpenter 1833 E. Mayer 1452  
Closed Watchers Open  
7/29/95 Round 3  
English Opening



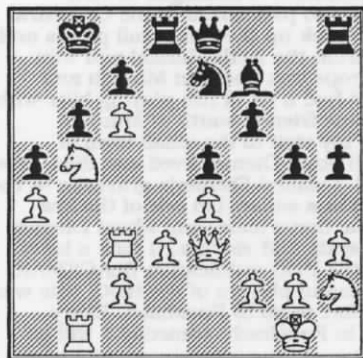
1. c4 Nc6 2. g3 e5 3. Bg2 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bc5 5. e3 O-O 6. Nge2 Re8 7. O-O a6 8. d4 ed4 9. ed4 Ba7 10. h3 d6 11. Be3 Bf5 12. g4 Be4 13. Ne4 Ne4 14. a3 Nf6 15. Qc2 h6 16. Rad1 Qd7 17. Ng3 Ne7 18. Bxb7 Rab8 19. Bxa6?!



19...Qc6 20. Bxh6!? gxh6 21. Qd2 Ne4 22. Qxh6 Nxc3 23. fxg3 Qxa6 24. Rxf7 Kxf7 25. Rf1+ Kg8 26. Qe6+ Kh8 27. Qh6+ Kg8 28. Qe6+ Kh8 29. Qh6+ Kg8 30. Qe6+ **Draw.**

**Ammond 1384** **Loy 1853**  
**Closed Watchers Open**  
 7/29/95 **Round 4**  
**Ruy Lopez**

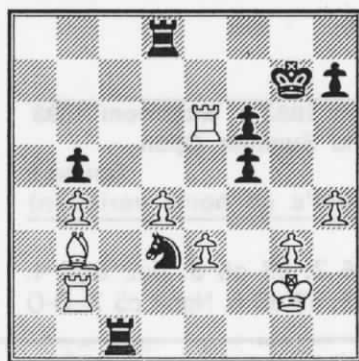
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bc6 dc6 5. O-O f6 6. d3 Bc5 7. Nc3 Bg4 8. h3 Bh5 9. Qe2 Qd7 10. Re1 Bf7 11. a3 O-O-O 12. b4 Ba7 13. a4 g5 14. Nh2 h5 15. b5 a5 16. Be3 Bd4 17. Bd4 Qd4 18. Ra3 b6 19. bc6 Qc5 20. Nb5 Kb8 21. Rc3 Qf8 22. Rb1 Ne7 23. Qe3 Qe8



24. Nxc7! Kxc7 25. Qxb6+ Kd6 26. c7+ Kd7 27. cxd8=Q+ Qxd8 28. Qxd8+ Rxd8 29. Rb7+ Ke6 30. Rcc7 Re8 31. Rb6+ **Black Resigns.**

**Carpenter 1833** **Brennan 1803**  
**Wannabe Action Open**  
 7/30/95 **Round 1**  
**English Opening**

1. c4 c5 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. e3 Nc6 5. Ne2 Qb6 6. Nbc3 Ne5 7. d3 Nf6 8. O-O a6 9. f4 Nc6 10. Rb1 Rb8 11. a3 d6 12. Nd5 Nd5 13. cd5 Nd8 14. Qd2 Qb3 15. Qd1 Qd1 16. Rd1 Bg4 17. Rd2 b5 18. b4 O-O 19. Bb2 Bb2 20. Rdb2 cb4 21. ab4 f6 22. Nd4 e6 23. de6 Ne6 24. Bd5 Rfe8 25. Ra1 Rbc8 26. f5 Bf5 27. Nf5 gf5 28. Ra6 Kg7 29. Rd6 Rc1 30. Kg2 Ng5 31. h4 Nf7 32. Re6 Rd8 33. Bb3 Ne5 34. d4 Nd3



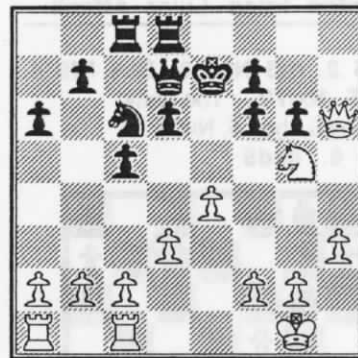
35. Rc2?? Ne1+ 36. Kf2 Nxc2 37. d5 Nxb4 38. d6 Nd3+ 39. Ke2 Nc5 40. Re7+ Kh6 41. **White Resigns.**

**Ammond 1384** **Long 1731**  
**Wannabe Action Open**  
 7/30/95 **Round 5**  
**Sicilian Defense**

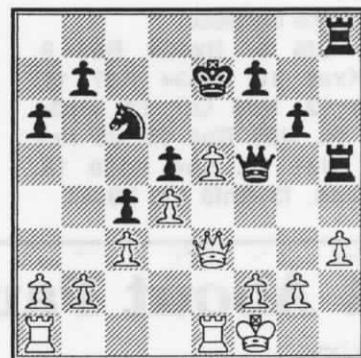
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5 Bd7 4. Bd7 Qd7 5. d3 Nc6 6. Nc3 Nf6 7. O-O g6 8. h3 Bg7 9. Be3 O-O 10. Qd2 a6 11. Bh6 Bh6 12. Qh6 Nb4 13. Rfc1 Nc6 14. Nd5 Rac8



15. Ng5 Rfd8 16. Nxf6 exf6 17. Qxh7+ Kf8 18. Qh6+ Ke7



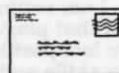
19. Qg7?? fxg5 20. Qh6 Qe6 21. Qxg5 Qf6 22. Qe3 Rh8 23. c3 Qh4 24. d4 c4 25. e5 d5 26. Qf3 Qe4 27. Qg3 Rh5 28. Re1 Qf5 29. Qe3 Rch8 30. Kf1



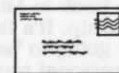
30...g5?? 31. g4 Qd7 32. gxh5 Rxh5 33. Kg2 g4 34. Rh1 gxh3+ 35. Rxh3 **Black Resigns.**

**Jensen 1939** **Erickson 1701**  
**UCCC 2nd Summer Open**  
 7/13/95 **Round 1**  
**Torre Attack**

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bg5 h6 4. Bh4 b6 5. e3 Bb7 6. Bd3 Be7 7. Nbd2 d5 8. O-O Nbd7 9. c3 g5 10. Bg3 Ne4 11. Bb5 c6 12. Ba4 h5 13. h3 Ng3 14. fg3 Qc7 15. e4 Qg3 16. ed5 ed5 17. Qe1 h4 18. Nh2 Qd6 19. Qe3 Rh6 20. Rae1 Re6 21. Qf3 Rf6 22. Qh5 O-O-O 23. Ng4 Rf1 24. Rf1 f6 25. Rf3 c5 26. Bc2 cd4 27. cd4 Qb4 28. Rc3 Kb8 29. Nb3 Rc8 30. a3 Qd6 31. Rc8 **Draw Agreed.**



**Think  
 Postal**



Moore 1702 Cain 1223  
 UCCC 2nd Summer Open  
 7/13/95 Round 1  
 Accelerated Fried Liver Attack

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. Nxf7? Too early!  
 (5. exd5 Nxd5, then 6. Nxf7)  
 5...Kxf7 6. exd5



6...Nxd5?  
 (6...Na5! keeps the piece)  
 7. Qf3+ Qf6 8. Bxd5+ Be6 9. Bxe6+ Kxe6 10. Qb3+ Kd7 11. Nc3 Nd4 12. Nd5 Qf7 13. Qh3+ 13...Kc6 14. Nb4 Bb4 15. c3 Nc2 16. Kd1 Na1 17. cb4 Rad8 18. Qc3 Kd7 19. f3 Rhf8 20. b3 e4

21. Rf1 e3 22. Qe3 Rfe8 23. Qc3 Kc8 24. Qa1 Rd3 25. Bb2 Qf4 26. Bc3 Qe3 27. Kc2 Qe2 28. Rg1 Ree3 29. Kb1 Re6 30. Qb2 Red6 31. Qc1 Rd2 32. Bd2 Rd2 33. Qc3 Rd6 34. Rc1 Rc6 35. Qb2 Qd3 36. Ka1 Rc1 37. Qc1 g6 38. Qc4 Qd1 39. Kb2 Qd2 40. Qc2 Qb4 41. Qd3 b6 42. Qd5 Kb8 43. g4 a6 44. h4 Qe7 45. h5 Qg7 46. Ka3 g5 47. Qd3 Qe7 48. Kb2 a5 49. Qe4 Qf6 50. Kb1 h6 51. Qe8 Kb7 52. Qe4 Kb8 53. Kc1 Qa1 54. Qb1 Qc3 55. Qc2 Qf3 56. Qf5 Qe3 57. Kb1 Qe2 58. Qf8 Kb7 59. Qh6 Qg4 60. Qg6 Qh4 61. h6 g4 62. h7 g3 63. Qg7 g2 64. Qg2 Ka6 65. Qg8 Qh1 66. Kb2 Qh2 67. Ka3 Qc2 68. Qc4 Qc4 69. bc4 b5 70. cb5 Kb5 71. h8=Q etc., etc. **Black Resigns.**

Carpenter 1833 McBroom 1638  
 UCCC 2nd Summer Open  
 7/20/95 Round 2  
 English (let's go home variation)

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. e3 d6 6. Nge2 c5 7. O-O

7...Nc6 8. d4 cd4 9. ed4 Bg4 10. h3 **Draw Agreed.**

Moore 1702 Carpenter 1833  
 UCCC 2nd Summer Open  
 7/27/95 Round 3  
 Modern Defense

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. e4 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. Be3 e5 7. d5 Nd4 8. Be2 Bf3 9. Bf3 Ne7 10. Qd2 O-O 11. h4 f5 12. Bg5 Qd7 13. O-O-O f4 14. h5 Kf7 15. hg6 hg6 16. Rh7 Rh8 17. Rdh1 Rh7 18. Rh7 Rh8 19. Rh8 Bh8 20. Qd1 Bf6 21. Bf6 Kf6 22. Bg4 Qe8 23. Qh1 Kg7 24. Qh4 a6 25. Qh3 c5 26. Bd7 Qh8 27. Qh8 Kh8 28. Kd2 Kg7 29. Na4 Ng8 30. f3 Nf6 31. Bc8 b5 32. Nb6 a5 33. cb5 Nb5 34. Nc4 a4 35. Nb6 a3 36. ba3 Na3 37. Ba6 Kf7 38. Bd3 Ne8 39. Kc3 Nc7 40. Kb3 Nab5 41. Kb2 Ke7 42. a4 Na7 43. a5 Kd8 44. Kb3 Ncb5 45. Kc4 Na3 46. Kb3 N7b5 47. Nc4 Ke7 48. Na3 Na3 49. Ka3 Kd7 50. Ka4 Kc7 51. Ba6 Kb8 52. Kb3 Kc7 53. Ka4 **Draw Agreed.**

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## What About Paul?

July, 1995

Dear MCA Members,

Although I've been away from Montana since December, I've been reading every copy of MCN that I receive. One of the things I miss most about living in Montana (especially Missoula) is the chance to compete in weekend tournaments. The tournaments in Montana, though not chock full of masters and experts, were always a pleasure to compete in. Yes, they could be a real grind, especially when I suffered a lack of sleep, but they were still fun. I also enjoyed the camaraderie that was shared among most of the members.

Last Winter I decided to take a break from Montana and the cold weather, so I headed south to San Diego for a bit of a vacation. Here I began to play in a very strong club every week and managed to also compete in the Amateur Team Championship (WEST). I found myself playing very strongly against experts and masters, and I managed to score a very brilliant win against an unsuspecting 2380 master. In just two months I picked up about 150 rating points, and could feel my first master rating coming close to becoming a reality. But alas! The building confidence caused me to press myself a little too much, and I entered a strong class tournament tired and burned out. Consequently, I suffered one of my worst tournaments ever and dropped quite a few rating points. I decided to take a break from OTB chess for a while.

In late April, I flew to Europe (first time) to visit friends in Germany and relatives in Italy. I Was there almost 7 weeks, and it was a fantastic experience. I managed to visit Salzburg, Austria, and couldn't stay away from the opportunity to play chess in the Cathedral Square on the oversize chessboard in the courtyard. I had to pick up the 3-foot tall pieces and move them about. I played two games (against a gentleman from the Netherlands) and won them both. It was a nice experience. Most of my time in Europe was spent in Munich and southern Bavaria. I visited the Tarrasch Club in Munich and had a lot of fun playing blitz with many of the club members. I also played a lot of blitz with some friends south of Munich.

The highlight of my chess experience in Europe was my visit to the small town of Fussbach in the Black Forest of Germany. This is where Emil Josef Diemer lived and died. You know, E. J. Diemer -- Blackmar-Diemer Gambit -- das BDG! I visited Diemer's gravesite in the town cemetery. It was a special experience for me -- spiritual in a sense (I'm one of the few Americans to ever make the pilgrimage). I then visited the Gasthaus (cafe/inn) where Diemer would go everyday to weave his magic over the board with friends and visitors. I took a lot of pictures, some of which will be submitted with my article for the BDG publication BLACKMAR-DIEMER GAMBIT WORLD. As one of the most avid and successful players of the BDG, this was a dream come true, and I am very happy that I made the effort to go to Fussbach. Every Spring a memorial BDG tournament is held at the Gasthaus in Fussbach; someday I will go back to Germany and play in one of these tournaments.

I'm watching and waiting for the results of the Montana State Championship. With ten competitors this year, it should prove to be a tournament full of surprises. The title of Montana State Champion has eluded me for the past eight years. However, next year may finally be my year. Business projects take me back and forth to Montana throughout the year, and next year I plan to be back in Missoula by early May. I am setting my sights on winning the Montana Open (again) and then the Montana State Championship. It's time to break the jinxes that plagued me in Montana -- watch out Steve Smith and Jan Johansson! And for Greg Nowak -- you're not going to "weasel" out of any more lost positions with me again. Until then, I'll continue my postal chess and occasional national/regional tournaments, honing my skills and sharpening my claws. I'll be back! Miss you all.

- Paul Motta

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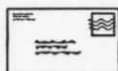
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# Upcoming Events

All MCA Grand Prix events will be advertised as:



AN MCA GRAND PRIX EVENT



## 1995-1996 MONTANA POSTAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



Registration must be received no later than September 30. This event will be rated by the USCF Postal Rating Dept. Entrance fee is \$10 (this covers the rating cost and the cost of a plaque for the winner(s)). USCF membership required throughout the entire tournament. This is MCA's annual Championship event - The winner is State Champion. Registration or info, contact: Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota, Missoula, MT 59802 (406) 728 - 1695

### HELENA OPEN SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1, 1995



AN MCA GRAND PRIX EVENT



Lewis & Clark County Library, large meeting room. Helena, MT. 5 Round Swiss. Time control: G/2, Rounds: 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00am, 2:00pm. Registration: 8:00 - 8:30am Sept. 30. EF \$20 if rec. by 9/29, \$25 at site. \$\$ 205 (b/20). 1st place \$60 + Trophy, 2nd place Trophy, <1900 \$40 + Plaque, <1650 \$40 + Plaque, <1400 \$40 + Plaque, \$25 + Plaque for Biggest Upset (Both players must have nonprovisional rts). MCA membership required (\$6), other states OK. No smoking, No computers, Wheelchair accessible. Advance registration / info: Dean Drake, 1201 Stuart St., Helena, MT 59601 (406) 449-7638

### CHINOOK OPEN OCT. 14, 15, 1995



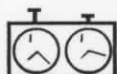
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College of Great Falls, building #1, rooms 206 & 207 (building located closest to corner of 23rd & 13th Ave. So.) 5 Round Swiss. Time control: 45/2, 20/1. Rounds: 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00am, 1:00pm. Registration: 8:30-9:30am Oct. 14. EF: \$15 if by 10/12, \$20 at site. Prizes: 1st place \$75, \$25 to top in each division, \$25 for biggest upset. MCA membership required (\$6), other states OK. Advance registration / info, contact: Thad Suits, 2015 4th Ave N Great Falls, MT 59401 (406) 453-6160

### UCCC TURKEY OPEN NOVEMBER 18, 19, 1995

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 - 8:30am Nov. 18. EF \$15 if rec. by 11/16, \$20 at site. \$\$ G 200. 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50, <1800 \$25, <1600 \$15, <1400 \$10, Plaque for Biggest Upset (Both players must have nonprovisional rts). MCA membership required (\$6), other states OK. No smoking, No computers, Wheelchair accessible. Advance registration or info, contact: Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota, Missoula, MT 59802 (406) 728 - 1695



## What makes you tick?



**STANDARD  
TIME ?  
(40/2, 20/1)**



**ACTION  
CHESS ?  
( GAME/30 )**



**QUICK  
CHESS ?  
( GAME/15 )**



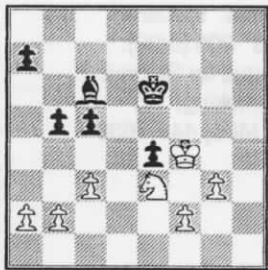
**BLITZ  
CHESS ?  
( GAME/5 )**

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# 1995 MONTANA STATE CHESS CHAMPION

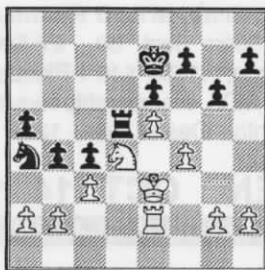
Here are some of Jensen's moves  
from the 1995 State Closed:



( Jensen - Johansson )  
Round 1  
53. Nf1!



( Stubberud - Jensen )  
Round 2  
28... Nd3+!



( Jensen - Nowak )  
Round 3  
34. cxb4



( Z. Mayer - Jensen )  
Round 4  
26... Nxe3



( Jensen - Duke )  
Round 5  
18. Ba5

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