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JENSEN WINS UCCC 2ND SPRING OPEN  
 STEVE SMITH WINS STATE OPEN  
 BLITZ TITLE SUITS SUITS JUST FINE  
 JOHANSSON, SKOVRON, Z. MAYER SHARE QUICK TITLE  
 JOHANSSON IS NEW ACTION HERO  
 CARPENTER WINS UCCC LATE SPRING OPEN  
 NOWAK WARMS UP WITH COPPER KING WIN



1992 1993 1994

## FOURPEAT'S SAKE!

To be, or not to be. Dr. Peter Lapikan held the Montana Chess title or shared it nine times, but never four times in a row. J. vanTelingen held it eight times, but never four in a row. Dr. Adam Smith was Co-Champion seven times, including four times consecutively. Gerald Moore also held or shared the title seven times, but not four consecutively.

To hold the title in any form, whether shared or exclusively, is an honor that is coveted among Montana chess players. Some, however, hold separate, unique distinctions. Did you know that Jim Loy has held the title four times? Yes. So has Kip Stubberud. But not all consecutively and not all exclusively. Only one person has held Montana's Championship title exclusively for three years in a row - Greg "The Octopus" Nowak. Will he, can he do it again? Will

the "Ten-Person Swiss" afford Greg or his challengers an easier battle? The following are the qualifiers: Jan Johansson, David Duke, Zygmund Mayer, J. C. Kuba, Kip Stubberud, John Thompson, Bob Phillips, Jim Skovron and Mike Jensen. The '95 State Closed could prove to be "...like a box of chocolates", because no one really knows what we're "... gonna get" !

# What's New

## Business Meeting:

On Sunday morning, May 21 at 0830, MCA conducted it's annual business meeting. All present were determined to make best use of the one-hour time frame, and thanks to the efforts of President David Duke and Eastern VP Paul Arnot, who adhered to Robert's Rules of Order like hawks, the decision machinery of the meeting was well oiled, efficient and productive. The following is an abstract of the secretary's notes:

John C. Thompson received his 1994 Senior Champion plaque (this award goes to the over-fifty player with the best score at the State Open). Ariel Mayer was awarded his 1994 Biggest-Upset-of-the-Year plaque. Jan Johansson was awarded his 1994 and 1995 MCA Grand Prix Champion plaques. William Lynch and John Thompson were honored with handsome plaques denoting recognition for their outstanding contributions to chess in Montana. Les Brennan was presented with a surprise MCA logo sweatshirt out of appreciation for the newsletter effort.

Treasurer's report: MCA had \$1007.80 in May, 1994 and roughly \$1000 in May 1995 (estimated balance after revenue from State Open is accounted for).

The following officers were elected for the 95-96 fiscal year: President Dean Drake, Vice President Kip Stubberud, Eastern Vice President Paul Arnot, Western Vice President Mike Jensen, Secretary/Treasurer Les Brennan.

1996 State Open site: Helena, Time: Weekend before Memorial Day.

The issue of how to utilize the USCF subsidy for advertising was deferred to the incoming officers, as was the issue of the proposed extra family member membership dues (sans extra newsletter) of \$2.

The entrance fee for the 1996 Montana State Open will be \$20 (advance).

The format for the State Closed reverts back to a six-person Round Robin in 1996.

All future Montana Postal Chess tournaments will be rated by the USCF postal rating agency. Postal ratings are, of course, separate from over-the-board ratings.

The proposal of annual meritorious awards was defeated, in anticipation of "watered-down" effect. The meeting then adjourned.

## State Open:

Steve Smith, having won the Montana State Open in 1992 and 1993, again took first place in Montana's most prestigious event of 1995 with a perfect score against five of Montana's best players, including three of Montana's former State Champions. This was a good warm up for Steve, in that the Wyoming State Open was held the very next weekend and Steve tied for first in that event, thereby qualifying for the Wyoming State Closed, to take place later.

Kip Stubberud and J. C. Kuba shared 2nd & 3rd place with 4 points each, Kip losing only to Steve Smith and Kuba giving two draws - to John Thompson and Jan Johansson. But those were good draws for Kuba, who, being an A player, was playing expert chess.

There were 34 players total, the highest attendance seen since 1987, when 39 players came to the State Open in Billings.

One of the most pleasant aspects of chess is that stronger players don't always win against lesser opponents and, in keeping with that wonderful irony, there were some great upsets. Bill McBroom started things out by beating Zygmund Mayer in round 1 (424 upset points), drawing with Jim Loy in round 2 (Jim is rated 241 points higher than Bill), and beating Michael Long in round 3 (131 upset points). McBroom's performance qualified him for entrance into the State Closed, but he won't be able to make it [enter Michael Jensen (Mike is first alternate)].

Other stellar upsets were Lou Polcari's Biggest-Upset win over Romie Carpenter (428 upset points) and his win over Sherwood Moore (314 upset points). Paul Arnot also upset Sherwood Moore for 391 upset points. Michael Steinhof won his game with Romie Carpenter (278 upset points) and Michael Long scored a win over Zygmund Mayer (293 upset points).

Thad Suits' computer pairing software was used and pairings were cranked out quickly and efficiently (the same program was used at the National Open in Las Vegas and the Wyoming State Open. This program is receiving high acclaim and is being received as very reliable. A BIG test of it's sophistication and credibility, however, will be the upcoming "Ten-Person Swiss" Montana State Closed (see "State Closed", below).

The trophies awarded were: Steve Smith (1st place), Kip Stubberud (2nd place), J. C. Kuba (3rd place), Bob Phillips (Top A), David Duke (Top B), Don Tillotson (Top C), Paul Arnot (Top D/E) and Lou Polcari (Biggest Upset).

John C. Thompson, having the best final score among those age fifty and over, won the annual distinction of Montana Senior Champion. John has held this distinction many times.

## Find the worst move:

Thad Suits' answer to all those "Best Move" puzzles - p.10

## State Closed:

The State Closed will be held in one of the same rooms the State Open was held in. The other room will be reserved for the satellite event. If you would like to be an eyewitness to Montana chess history, and maybe play some of the best chess of your life at the same time, you'll want to come to Bozeman on July 29, 30 and do battle with all the other "Closed watchers". Notwithstanding the fact that MCA will be using an unbiased computer pairing program, prognosticators and pundits are predicting problematic pairings, predominantly in the later rounds. The anticipated inherent problems of the format were the main reason deference to the computer was preferred. Whoever ends up serving as director for the Closed (MCA bylaw 8(a) places responsibility upon MCA to provide a Board member or an appointee) will be able to disclaim any bias or conflict of interest, and concentrate on non pairing-related inquiries/disputes. The Closed Watchers Open and Wannabe Action Open will be also be that weekend, and since ten of Montana's strongest players will be engaged in their own battles in another room, these satellite events will offer a chance for some new names at the top of the results chart, and an opportunity for new names on the cover of *Montana Chess News*. Be there, and maybe you can grab your first tournament win and fifteen minutes of fame! In between moves though, when your opponent is dumbfounded because of your totally unexpected and brilliantly novel moves, you can mosey on over and watch "the Octopus" give lessons.

## Copper King Open:

Greg Nowak won all four of his games in Butte to take first place in this warm-up for the State Closed. Factoids: Stubberud turned down a draw and a tie for 1st place with Nowak in the last round - and lost. Another of life's little ironies! How many of us have done the same thing?! And David Duke won Biggest Upset, coupling John C. Thompson in round 2. More →

John C.  
Thompson



1995  
Montana  
Senior  
Chess  
Champion



**UCCC CHAMPIONSHIP 4/6,13,20,27/95**

	NAME	RTG	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOT
1	Jensen	1969	X	1	1	1	1	0.5	4.5
2	McBroom	1612	0	X	1	0.5	1	1	3.5
3	Cain	1238	0	0	X	0	1	1	2
4	Erickson	1712	0	0.5	1	X	0.5	0.5	2.5
5	McCourt	1754	0	0	0	0.5	X	0	0.5
6	Carpenter	1800	0.5	0	0	0.5	1	X	2

**UCCC SATELLITE 4/6,13,20,27/95**

	NAME	RTG	1	2	3	4	TOT
1	Rayburn	1488	X	0	0	1	1
2	Gross	1220	1	X	0	0	1
3	Tillotson	1526	1	1	X	1	3
4	Randolph	1120	0	1	0	X	1

**'95 MONTANA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
(still in progress)**

	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOT
1	Brennan	X	1	1	1	1	1		
2	Duke	0	X		1	1		1	
3	Doulas	0		X		1	0	0	
4	Wolberd	0	0		X	1		0	
5	Ammond	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	(WD)
6	Price	0		1		1	X	0	
7	Moore		0	1	1	1	1	X	

**COPPER KING OPEN 6/24,25/95**

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOT
1	Nowak	2220	W 8	W 4	W 5	W 3	4
2	Thompson	2100	W12	L 5	W 7	W 6	3
3	Stubberud	2066	W13	W 6	W11	L 1	3
4	Kuba	1958	W 9	L 1	W 8	D 5	2.5
5	Duke	1765	W10	W 2	L 1	D 4	2.5
6	Long	1743	W14	L 3	W13	L 2	2
7	D. Drake	1723	W15	L11	L 2	W13	2
8	Erickson	1712	L 1	W10	L 4	W 9	2
9	Preston	UNR	L 4	W15	W14	L 8	2
10	T. Kennedy	UNR	L 5	L 8	W15	W14	2
11	Brennan	1723	H--	W 7	L 3	U--	1.5
12	J. Kennedy	1400	L 2	BYE	U--	U--	1
13	M. Drake	1235	L 3	W14	L 6	L 7	1
14	Walter	UNR	L 6	L13	L 9	L10	0
15	Cummings	UNR	L 7	L 9	L10	U--	0

**60TH MONTANA STATE OPEN 5/20,21/95**

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOT
1	Smith	2088	W17	W 6	W10	W 2	W 4	5
2	Stubberud	2059	W23	W16	W 7	L 1	W 8	4
3	Kuba	1958	W22	W11	D 4	W 9	D 5	4
4	Thompson	2100	W32	W27	D 3	W 8	L 1	3.5
5	Johansson	2114	W19	L 8	W25	W15	D 3	3.5
6	Duke	1765	W29	L 1	W21	W17	D10	3.5
7	Phillips	1868	W21	W31	L 2	D11	W16	3.5
8	Skovron	1822	W28	W 5	W13	L 4	L 2	3
9	McBroom	1612	W14	D13	W12	L 3	D17	3
10	Jensen	1969	W25	W26	L 1	D16	D 6	3
11	Erickson	1712	W33	L 3	W26	D 7	D13	3
12	Long	1743	D34	W14	L 9	D20	W22	3
13	Loy	1853	W24	D 9	L 8	W22	D11	3
14	Z. Mayer	2036	L 9	L12	W34	W26	W25	3
15	D. Drake	1727	L16	W34	W29	L 5	W21	3
16	Brennan	1723	W15	L 2	W24	D10	L 7	2.5
17	Martin	1654	L 1	W28	W31	L 6	D 9	2.5
18	Arnot	1295	L27	D23	L20	W34	W32	2.5
19	Schnee	1698	L 5	L21	H--	W30	W24	2.5
20	Tillotson	1526	U--	U--	W18	D12	W23	2.5
21	E. Mayer	1406	L 7	W19	L 6	W29	L15	2
22	Steinhof	1522	L 3	W33	W27	L13	L12	2
23	Shuck	1618	L 2	D18	H--	W28	L20	2
24	Polcari	1372	L13	W32	L16	W27	L19	2
25	Scarff	1600	L10	W30	L 5	W31	L14	2
26	Wiest	1392	W30	L10	L11	L14	W31	2
27	Carpenter	1800	W18	L 4	L22	L24	W29	2
28	Price	1337	L 8	L17	W33	L23	W30	2
29	Amundson	1223	L 6	B--	L15	L21	L27	1
30	M. Drake	UNR	L26	L25	W32	L19	L28	1
31	Suriano	1116	B--	L 7	L17	L25	L26	1
32	Moore	1686	L 4	L24	L30	W33	L18	1
33	Weyer	UNR	L11	L22	L28	L32	W34	1
34	Doulas	1188	D12	L15	L14	L18	L33	0.5

**UCCC LATE SPRING OPEN 5/18,25, 6/1/95**

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1	Carpenter	1800	W 3	D 2	W 4	2.5
2	McBroom	1612	W 5	D 1	W 6	2.5
3	Gisselbeck	1393	L 1	W 4	W 5	2
4	Rayburn	1488	W 6	L 3	L 1	1
5	Cain	1238	L 1	D 6	L 3	0.5
6	Gross	1220	L 4	D 5	L 1	0.5

# NOTICE

All future Montana Postal Chess events will be USCF rated. Registration for the 1995-1996 Championship will be in September. Plan to play!

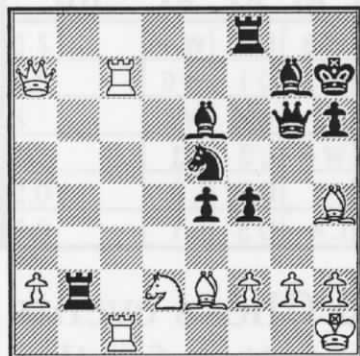
# Recent Games

**Jensen 1969**      **Carpenter 1800**  
**UCCC Club Championship**  
**4/6/95**              **Round 1**  
**Modern Defense**

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. e4 Nc6 5. Be3 e5 6. d5 Nce7 7. g4 f5 8. gf5 gf5 9. Qh5 Ng6 10. ef5 Qh4 11. Qf3 N6e7 12. Nb5 Kd8 13. Bd3 Nf6 14. Qg2 Qg4 15. Qg4 Ng4 16. Bg5 Bf6 17. Bf6 Nf6 18. O-O-O Bf5 19. f3 a6 20. Nc3 Kd7 21. Nge2 Raf8 22. Ng3 Bd3 23. Rd3 Rhg8 24. Rdd1 Rg5 25. Rdf1 Nf5 26. Nce4 Ne4 27. Ne4 Rg6 28. Rhg1 Ne3 29. Rg6 hg6 30. Rg1 Nc4 31. Rg6 Rf3 32. Rg7 Kd8 33. b3 Rf1 34. Kc2 Ne3 35. Kd3 Nd5 36. Ng5 Nf4 37. Ke4 Re1 38. Kf5 Rf1 39. Ke4 Rf2 40. h4 Rh2 41. Rh7 Ra2 **Draw.**

**McBroom 1612**      **Carpenter 1800**  
**UCCC Club Championship**  
**4/20/95**              **Round 3**  
**Modern Defense**

1. d4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. Bg5 Nf6 4. e3 d5 5. Nbd2 Nbd7 6. Be2 O-O 7. O-O c6 8. c4 Qe8 9. cd5 cd5 10. Rc1 Ne4 11. Ne4 de4 12. Nd2 h6 13. Bh4 f5 14. Rc7 e5 15. de5 Ne5 16. Qb3 Kh7 17. Rfc1 g5 18. Bg3 f4 19. ef4 gf4 20. Bh4 Qg6 21. Kh1 Be6 22. Qb7 Rab8 23. Qa7 Rb2



24. Bh5 !! **Black Resigns.**

**Tillotson 1526**      **Rayburn 1488**  
**UCCC Championship Satellite**  
**4/27/95**              **Round 3**  
**English Defense**

1. d4 b6 2. e3 e6 3. Bd3 Bb7 4. Nf3 g6 5. O-O Bg7 6. c3 Nh6 7. e4 d6 8. Re1 Nd7 9. Bc4 Qe7 10. Bg5 f6 11. Bh4 g5 12. Bg3 O-O-O 13. Na3 f5 14. ef5 Nf5 15. Re6 Qf8 16. Qa4 a5 17. b4 Ng3 18. hg3 Bf3 19. gf3 Qf5 20. Ba6 Kb8 21. Qc6 Qf3 22. Qf3 Nc5 23. dc5 c6 24. Qc6 **Black Resigns.**

**GAMES FROM THE NATIONAL OPEN IN LAS VEGAS**

**Belke 1963**      **Carpenter 1800**  
**1995 National Open**  
**5/6/95**              **Round 4**  
**Modern Defense**

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. e4 Bg4 5. Be2 Nc6 6. Be3 e5 7. d5 Bf3 8. Bf3 Nd4 9. Nc3 Ne7 10. O-O a5 11. Rb1 O-O 12. b4 ab4 13. Rb4 b6 14. a4 f5 15. Nb5 fe4 16. Be4 Nef5 17. Bf5 Nf5 18. Bc1 Qd7 19. Bb2 Rf7 20. Nc3 Raf8 21. Ne4 Ne3 22. Qe2 Nf1 23. Qf1 Rf4 24. Qe2 Qg4 25. Qg4 Rg4 26. Ng3 Rgf4 27. f3 Bh6 28. Bc1 Rh4 29. Bh6 Rh6 30. Ne4 Rh5 31. g4 Rh3 32. Ng5 Rhf3 33. Nf3 Rf3 34. Kg2 Ra3 35. h4 Kf7 36. g5 Ke7 37. Rb1 Ra4 38. Rc1 Ra3 39. Re1 Rc3 40. Re4 Rd3 41. h5 Rd4 42. Re3 Rg4 43. **White Resigns.**

**Langlois 1985**      **Duke 1765**  
**1995 National Open**  
**5/5/95**              **Round 1**  
**Sicilian Defense**

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 g6 5. Bc4 Bg7 6. Be3 Qa5 7. c3 Nf6 8. f3 O-O 9. O-O d6 10. Nd2 Nd4 11. Bd4 a6 12. Bb3 b5 13. Qe2 Bd7 14. Kh1 Rac8 15. f4 Bc6 16. f5 Qc7 17. fg6 hg6 18. Bf6 Bf6 19. Qg4 Kg7 20. Nf3 Rh8 21. Bf7 Kf7 22. Ng5 Ke8 23. Ne6 Qa7 24. Qg6 Kd7 25. Rf6 Be4 26. Qf7 Rcg8 27. Ng7 Qa8 28. Rf2



28...Rxc7! 29. Qxc7 Rg8 30. Qxc8 Qxc8 31. a3 d5 32. Rd1 Qg4 33. Rdd2 Qg5 34. h3 e5 35. Rf7+ Ke6 36. Rff2 Kd6 37. Rfe2 Kc5 38. Rf2 Kc4 39. Kh2 Bd3 40. Kg1 e4 41. **White Resigns.**

**Wayman 1971**      **Brennan 1723**  
**1995 National Open**  
**5/6/95**              **Round 4**  
**English Opening**

1. c4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 b6 4. Bg2 Bb7 5. Nh3 Nf6 6. O-O e6 7. e4 d6 8. d3 Be7 9. f4 Qd7 10. a3 a6 11. Rb1 Nd4 12. Be3 e5 13. b4 Ng4 14. Bd2 O-O 15. f5 h5 16. Nf2 Nf6 17. Bg5 g6 18. Bh3 Qd8 19. Bh6 Re8 20. g4 Kh7 21. g5 Ng8 22. f6 Bf6 23. Ng4 hg4 24. gf6 Nh6 25. Bg4 Ng4 26. Qg4 Rh8 27. Rb2 Qf8 28. bc5 Bc8 29. Qg3 bc5 30. Nd5 Rb8

**Wayman - Brennan cont.**

31. Rg2 Rb7 32. Ne7 Re7 33. fe7 Qe7 34. Qe3 Kg8 35. Rgf2 Rh5 36. Rf7 Qf7 37. Rf7 Kf7 38. Qf2 Kg7 39. Qb2 Nf3+ 40. Kf1 Nxh2+ 41. Ke1 Nf3+ 42. **White Resigns.**

**Deleon A.D. 1914 Skovron 1822**  
**1995 National Open**  
 5/7/95 Round 6  
**Caro Kann Defense**  
 Annotations by Jim Skovron

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 cd5  
 4. h3 a6 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Bd3 e6  
 7. O-O Bd6 8. Re1 Nc6 9. c3  
 Qc7 10. Qe2 Nh5 11. Ne5 Nf6  
 12. f4 g6 13. Qf3 O-O 14. Re2  
 Ne7 15. g4 b6 16. Be3 Bb7  
 17. Nd2 Ne4 18. Ne4 de4 19.  
 Be4 Be4 20. Qe4 f5 21. Qg2  
 Be5 22. fe5 Nd5 23. Bh6 Rf7  
 24. Rf2 Rd8 25. Qg3 Nf6 26.  
 Qe3 Ne4 27. Rf4 Kh8



**28. g5?**

I feel that I should not lose at this point because his dark Bishop cannot escape from h6. My plan here is to move my King back to g8, however, I wait too long to do this.

**28...Rfd7 29. Raf1!**

Threatens 30. Qxe4! Yes, I saw this.

**29...Qb7 30. h4 Rc8 31. a3 Rdc7 32. Rc1 Qd5 33. Qf3 33...Qb3??**

33...Kg8 is forced! Then the game favors Black.

**34. Rxe4! fxe4 35. Qf6+ Kg8 36. Rf1 Black Resigns.**

I managed to win three in a row, lose two and draw one. The game above was my sixth round game against a player who at one time was rated over 2100. After the game, he said he knew very little of the Caro Kann lines, and felt he

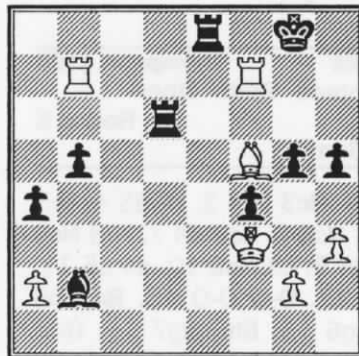
was, from the fourth move on, without the benefit of "book" knowledge.

My mind was not really into the game until he allowed me to maneuver my Knight to e4 in addition to the fact that he chose to entomb his Bishop on h6.

Even though I ended up a Pawn down, I think the position could have been held to a draw. Or, if White had tried too hard, Black may have had winning chances. However, I failed to return my King to g8 at a crucial moment, and fell victim to an obvious exchange sac.

**McBroom 1612 Z. Mayer 2036**  
**60th Montana State Open**  
 5/20/95 Round 1  
**Torre Attack**

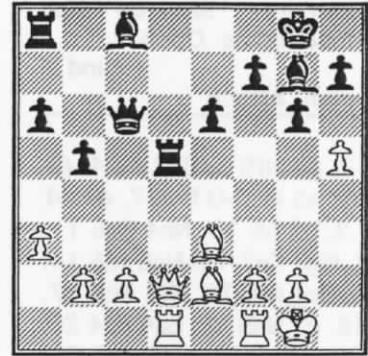
1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 c5 3. c3 b6 4. Bg5 e6 5. Nbd2 h6 6. Bh4 Bb7 7. e3 Be7 8. Bd3 O-O 9. O-O d6 10. Rc1 Nbd7 11. Nc4 b5 12. Ncd2 a6 13. h3 Re8 14. Re1 Qa5 15. Bb1 Rad8 16. e4 cd4 17. cd4 e5 18. Nb3 Qb6 19. Bg3 a5 20. d5 Nh5 21. Bh2 Nf4 22. Bf4 ef4 23. Qd2 a4 24. Na5 g5 25. Nb7 Qb7 26. e5 de5 27. d6 Bf6 28. Rc7 Qb6 29. Rec1 e4 30. R1c6 e3 31. Qc2 ef2 32. Qf2 Qf2 33. Kf2 Bb2 34. Bf5 Ne5 35. Rb6 Nf3 36. Kf3 h5 37. Rbb7 Rd6 38. Rxf7



38... Re3+ 39. Kf2 Rd2+ 40. Kg1 Bd4 41. Bh7+ Kh8 42. Rb8 **Mate.**

**Long 1743 Z. Mayer 2036**  
**60th Montana State Open**  
 5/20/95 Round 2  
**Sicilian Defense**

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 g6 3. d4 Bg7 4. Be3 Nc6 5. Nc3 Qb6 6. Nd5 Qd8 7. Qd2 e6 8. Nc3 cd4 9. Nd4 a6 10. Be2 Qc7 11. O-O Nge7 12. Rad1 b5 13. a3 O-O 14. h4 Rd8 15. h5 d5 16. Nc6 Qc6 17. ed5 Nd5 18. Nd5 Rd5



19. Bf3! Rxd2 20. Bxc6 Rxd1 21. Rxd1 Rb8 22. Rd8+ Bf8 23. Bh6 **Black Resigns.**

**CALCULATE YOUR RATING**

For players rated below 2100, the chart below can be used to calculate the USCF rating damage done after each game in a tournament.

If the higher rated wins, ratings will change by the amount in column H.

If the lower rated wins, ratings will change by the amount in column L.

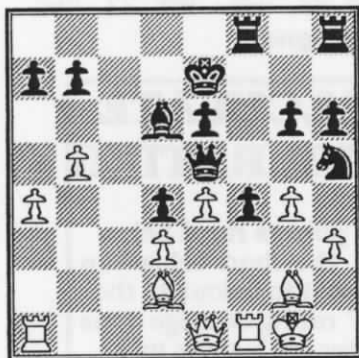
If the game is drawn, ratings will change by the amount in column D.

	Diff.	H	D	L
1	0-10	16	0	16
2	11-32	15	1	17
3	33-54	14	2	18
4	55-77	13	3	19
5	78-100	12	4	20
6	101-124	11	5	21
7	125-149	10	6	22
8	150-176	9	7	23
9	177-205	8	8	24
10	206-237	7	9	25
11	238-273	6	10	26
12	274-314	5	11	27
13	315-364	4	12	28
14	365-428	3	13	29
15	429-523	2	14	30
16	524-719	1	15	31
17	720-	0	16	32



Johansson 2114 Skovron 1822  
60th Montana State Open  
5/20/95 Round 2  
King's Indian Attack

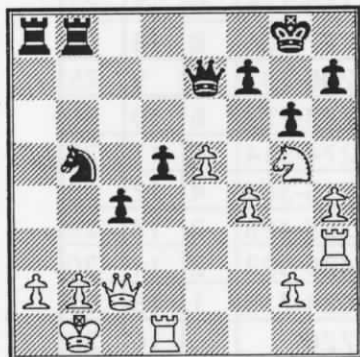
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23...f3! 24. Rxf3 Qh2+ 25. Kf2 Bg3+ 26. Kf1 Rxf3+ 27. Bxf3+ Bxe1 28. Bxe1 Ng3+ 29. Bxg3 Qxg3 30. Ke2 Rc8 31. Ra2?? Qh2+ 32. **White Resigns.**

Phillips 1868 Erickson 1712  
60th Montana State Open  
5/21/95 Round 4  
English Defense

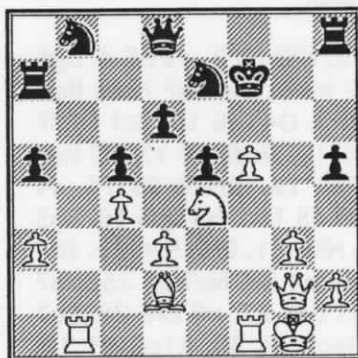
1. e4 e6 2. d4 c5 3. Nf3 b6 4. Nc3 Bb7 5. Be2 Nf6 6. Bg5 Be7 7. e5 Ne4 8. Be7 Qe7 9. Qd3 Nc3 10. Qc3 Na6 11. O-O-O Nb4 12. Kb1 Nd5 13. Qd2 a6 14. c4 Nc7 15. dc5 bc5 16. Ne1 Rd8 17. f4 O-O 18. Bf3 Bf3 19. Nf3 Ne8 20. Qa5 d5 21. cd5 ed5 22. Qa6 Nc7 23. Qd3 c4 24. Qc2 Ra8 25. Ng5 g6 26. h4 Rfb8 27. Rh3 Nb5



28. Rxd5 Na3+ 29. Rxa3 Qxa3 30. Rd8+ Kg7 31. Rxb8 **Draw.**

Smith 2088 Stubberud 2059  
60th Montana State Open  
5/21/95 Round 4  
Closed Sicilian

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. d3 Rb8 6. Be3 Nd4 7. Qd2 b5 8. Nd1 e5 9. c3 Ne6 10. Ne2 a5 11. O-O b4 12. f4 bc3 13. bc3 d6 14. f5 Nc7 15. c4 gf5 16. ef5 Na6 17. Ndc3 Bb7 18. Bb7 Rb7 19. Nd5 f6 20. Rab1 Ra7 21. a3 h5 22. Nec3 Ne7 23. Qg2 Bh6 24. Nf6 Kf7 25. Bh6 Kf6 26. Bd2 Nb8 27. Ne4 Kf7



28. f6 Nc8?? 29. Rxb8 Qc7 30. Rbb1 Nb6 31. Ng5+ Ke8 32. f7+ **Black Resigns.**

Smith 2088 Thompson 2100  
60th Montana State Open  
5/21/95 Round 5  
Vienna Game

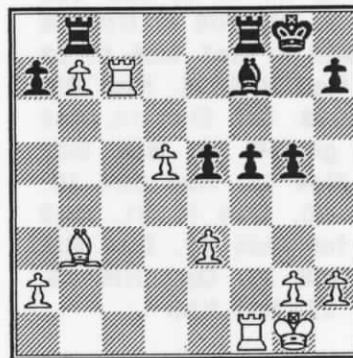
1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f4 d5 4. fe5 Ne4 5. d3 Nc3 6. bc3 d4 7. Nf3 Nc6 8. cd4 Nd4 9. c3 Ne6 10. d4 c6 11. Bd3 Be7 12. O-O O-O 13. Bc2 b6 14. Qd3 g6 15. Bh6 Ng7 16. Qd2 Bb7 17. Ng5 Qd7 18. Bb3 Bg5 19. Bg5 Qg4 20. Bf6 Nf5 21. Bd1 Qe4



22. Rxf5! **Black Resigns**

Arnot 1295 Moore 1686  
60th Montana State Open  
5/21/95 Round 5  
French Defense

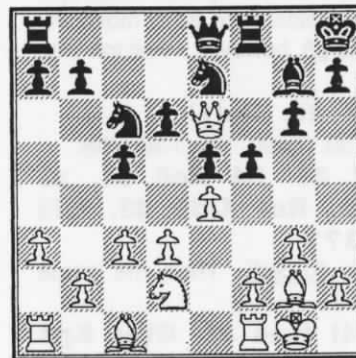
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bd3 de4 5. Be4 Nf6 6. Bf3 Nd5 7. Ne2 Nc6 8. O-O Nc3 9. bc3 Bd6 10. c4 O-O 11. c3 e5 12. d5 Ne7 13. Ng3 c6 14. Be3 c5 15. Ne4 Nf5 16. Bc5 Bc5 17. Nc5 Qc7 18. Ne4 Qc4 19. Qb3 Qc7 20. c4 Nd6 21. Rac1 Ne4 22. Be4 Qc5 23. Qe3 Qe3 24. fe3 f5 25. Bc2 Bd7 26. Bb3 Rac8 27. c5 g5 28. c6 Be8 29. cb7 Rb8 30. Rc7 Bf7



31. Rxf5 **Black Resigns.**

Johansson 2114 Kuba 1958  
60th Montana State Open  
5/21/95 Round 5  
King's Indian Attack  
Annotations by Les Brennan

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d3 Nc6 4. g3 g6 5. Bg2 Bg7 6. O-O e5 7. Nbd2 Nge7 8. c3 O-O 9. a3 f5 10. Qb3+ Kh8 11. Ng5 Qe8 12. Ne6? Bxe6 13. Qxe6



13...Rf6? and the big one gets away! The Editor, when working through this game for the newsletter, fed the above position into Chessmaster 3000 to see what kinds of possibilities the computer might see: After 13...d5!, the white

Queen suddenly realizes that she may have strayed too far into hostile territory. She will either have to capitulate to the music of Black's next move (Rf6) or try to maneuver through a series of "safe" squares, hoping for a miracle. 14. Qd6 is White's only chance for an escape.

Then, after 14...b6 (protecting the c5 pawn and keeping the white Queen behind enemy lines), White has to move 15. Qc7 (preventing 15...Rd8 and 16...Rd7).

The Editor made a phone call and asked Steve Smith to look at this position to see if he could see anything that Chessmaster might be missing. After 15. Qc7, Steve Smith points out 15...Rf7 16. Qb7 Ng8 17. Qa6 Nb8! and the white Queen is toast, with no compensation at all.

White would be better off facing the music with 14. exd5 Rf6 15. Qxf6 Bxf6 16. dxc6 trading the Queen for a Rook and a Knight. Black still comes out ahead, but it's better than losing the Queen for nothing.

At any rate, with the text move, the big one got away!

14. Qb3 b6 15. f4 ef4 16. gf4 Rf7 17. Nc4 Rd8 18. Ne3 Qf8 19. ef5 Na5 20. Qc2 Nf5 21. Nf5 gf5 22. b4 Nb7 23. Bb2 d5 24. c4 Bb2 25. Qb2 d4 26. Rae1 Re8 27. bc5 bc5 28. Qf2 Nd6 29. Re8 Ne8 30. Re1 Re7 31. Re2 Nf6 32. Qe1 Re2 33. Qe2 Qe8 34. Qe8 Ne8 **Draw**

Here's a quick little knockout submitted by the loser of the game, who wishes to remain anonymous. No, not the Editor. Hint: initials D D

**Individual (Rated) Match**  
Somewhere in Montana  
6/8/95 Round 1  
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Nf3 Nbd7 7. h3 Qe8?? 8. e5!

**Black Resigns.**

**Gross 1220 Cain 1238**  
UCCC Late Spring Open  
5/25/95 Round 2  
Nimzowitsch Defense

1. e4 Nc6 2. Bc4 e6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4.

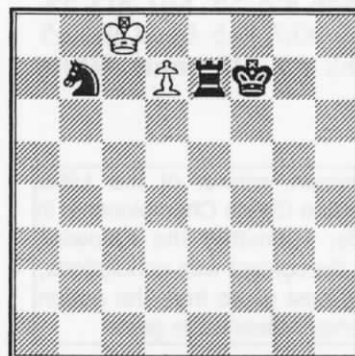


e5 d5 5. ef6 dc4 6. fg7 Bg7 7. O-O b6 8. Re1 Bb7 9. Na3 Ba6 10. c3 Qd6 11. Qa4 Bb7 12. Nc4 Qe7 13. d4 O-O-O 14. Bg5 f6 15. Be3 Rhg8 16. b4 Qf7 17. Qb3 Qg6 18. b5 Bh6 19. g3 Ne7 20. Nfd2 Be3 21. Re3 Qg4 22. Re6 Qh3 23. f3 Qe6 24. a4 Nf5 25. a5 Ng3 26. Nb6 Qb6 27. ab6 Ne4+ 28. Kh1



28...Nxd2?? (28...Nf2 Mate)  
29. Qe6+ Kb8 30. bxc7+ Kxc7 31. Rxa7 Kb8 32. Rxb7+ Kxb7 33. Qxf6 Rde8 34. Qh4 Nxf3 35. Qh7 Kc8 36. Qh3 Kd8 37. Qg3 Re1 38. Kg2 Rg3 39. hg3 Ng5 40. Kf2 Rc1 41. Ke3 Rc3 42. Kf4 Ne6 43. Ke5 Nc7 44. b6 Na6 45. g4 Rg3 46. Kf5 Kd7 47. g5 Ke7 48. g6 Kf8 49. Kf6 Rg4 50.

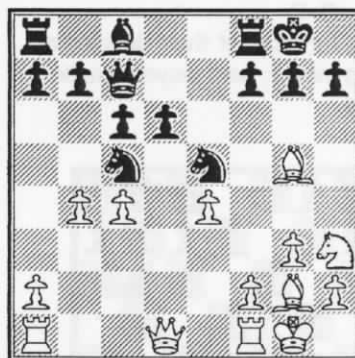
d5 Rd4 51. g7 Kg8 52. Ke6 Kg7 53. d6 Nb8 54. Ke7 Re4 55. Kd8 Re6 56. Kc7 Na6 57. Kd7 Kf7 58. b7 Nc5 59. Kc7 Nb7 60. d7 Re7 61. Kc8



61...Rxd7??  
(Black wins with 61...Ke6)  
62. Kxd7 **Draw.**

**Carpenter 1800 Rayburn 1488**  
UCCC Late Spring Open  
6/1/95 Round 3  
English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. g3 c6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Nc3 ed4 5. Qd4 Be7 6. Bg2 O-O 7. e4 Na6 8. Nh3 Bc5 9. Qd1 d6 10. O-O Qc7 11. Bg5 Ng4 12. Na4 Ne5 13. Nc5 Nc5 14. b4



14...Ne6 (14...Nxe4!?) 15. Qc2 Ng5 16. Ng5 f6 17. Nf3 Be6 18. Ne5 fe5 19. Rfd1 Rf6 20. Rab1 Raf8 21. f3 h5 22. Rd3 b5 23. cb5 Qb6 24. Qf2 Qf2 25. Kf2 cb5 26. Rd6 Ba2 27. Rf6 Rf6 28. Ra1 Ra6 29. Bf1 Ra4 30. Bb5 Rb4 31. Ra2 Rb5 32. Ra7 Rb2 33. Kg1 Rb1 34. Kg2 Rb2 35. Kh3 Rf2 36. Re7 Rf3 37. Re5 g6 38. Kh4 Kf7 39. Ra5 Re3 40. e5 Re4 41. Kg5 Rg4 42. Kh6 h4 43. Ra7 Ke6 44. Ra6 Ke5 45. Rg6 Rd4

**Carpenter - Rayburn cont.**

46. Kh5 hg3 47. hg3 Rd1 48. Rg5 Kf6 49. Rg6 Ke7 50. g4 Rh1 51. Kg5 Rh7 52. Rh6 Rg7 53. Kh5 Rf7 54. g5 Rf5 55. Ra6 Kf7 56. Ra7 Ke6 57. Kg6 Rf8 58. Kg7 Rf5 59. g6 Rg5 60. Kh7 Rh5 61. Kg8 Rg5 62. g7 Rh5 63. Rf7 **and White Resigns.**

Jan Johansson, winner of the 1995 Montana Action Chess Championship in Great Falls, submitted the following game from the contest with annotations, saying: "My best game from the Action Championship is clearly this game."

Suits 1935                      Johansson 2132  
 Montana Action Championship  
 6/10/95                              Round 1  
 Czech Benoni

Annotations by Jan Johansson

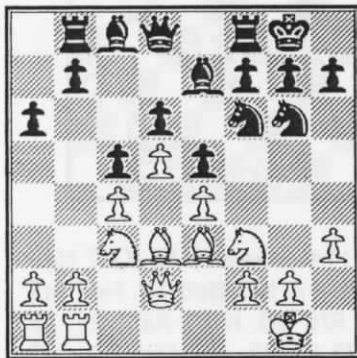
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 e5 4. Nc3 d6 5. e4 Be7 6. Nf3

This far all according to the book. Usually, Black plays 6...0-0, which gives White a target for a King-side attack. White then simply castles Queen side and attacks on the King side. I did not want to commit my King to either side before White did, so I moved:

6...Nbd7!? 7. h3 a6 8. Be3 Nf8 9. Bd3 Ng6 10. Qd2 Rb8 11. O-O O-O

After using up most of their developing and waiting moves, both players castle.

12. Rfb1



White does not try to hide his plans. He has chosen the Queen side for his attack.

12...b5!

A temporary Pawn sacrifice, which White should have refused. Black trades his b Pawn for White's e Pawn

with good attacking chances in the center and on the King side and a good initiative. For all this, White has only an end-game advantage in the form of a free a pawn.

13. cxb5?

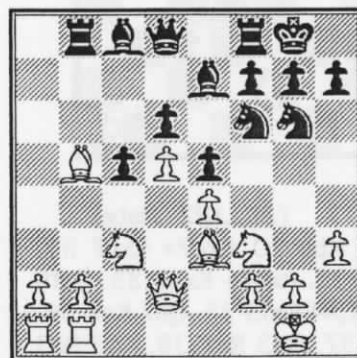
Probably White's decisive error. To consider was: 13. b3 b4 14. Ne2 Nxe4 15. Bxe4 f5 16. Bc2 f4 17. Bxg6! fxe3 (17...hxc6 18. Nxf4 exf4 19. Bxf4 Bf6 20. Bg5!) 18. Bxh7+ Kxh7 19. Qxe3 e4 20. Nd2 Bf6 21. Nxe4 Bxa1 with an intense battle, where White has two Pawns for the exchange.

Jan Johansson  
 Jim Skovron  
 Zygmund Mayer



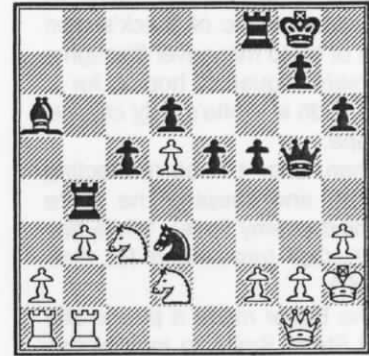
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13...axb5 14. Bxb5



14...Nxe4 (the point) 15. Nxe4 Rxb5 16. Nc3 Rb4 17. b3 f5 18. Bg5 h6 19. Be7 Qe7

20. Qe1 Ba6 21. Nd2 Nf4 22. Kh2 Qg5 23. Qg1 Nd3

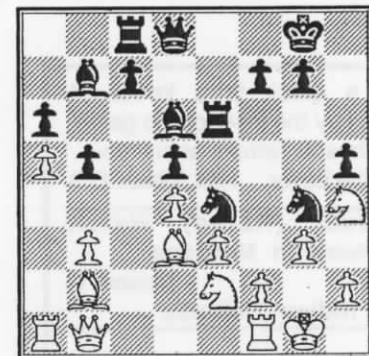


24. Nc4 Bxc4 25. bxc4 Rxc4 26. Ne2 Rc2 27. Re1

and White, with only 2 minutes left - Black had 6 minutes - Resigns. White's last move looks like a blunder, but he has no good moves left. If the Knight moves, the f Pawn falls, and if 27. Qf1, Qd2!

Don Price                      Sherwood Moore  
 Montana Postal Championship  
 10/3/94 - 5/8/95  
 Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nf3 b6 4. e3 Bb7 5. Bd3 d5 6. Nc3 Bd6 7. O-O O-O 8. b3 a6 9. a4 Nbd7 10. cd5 ed5 11. Bb2 Re8 12. Qc2 Ne4 13. a5 b5 14. Ne2 Rc8 15. Qb1 Ndf6 16. Rd1 Nq4 17. Rf1 Re6 18. q3 h5 19. Nh4

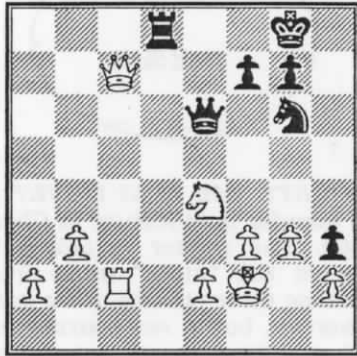


19...Nxh2 20. Nf4 Bxf4 21. Bxe4 Rxe4 22. Re1 Bd6 23. f4 Ng4 24. Qd3 Qf6 25. Nf3 Qg6 26. Qd2 Rxe3! 27. Rxe3 Nxe3 28. Qxe3 Qxg3+ 29. Kh1 Bxf4 **White Resigns**

Duke 1765                      Thompon 2100  
 Copper King Open  
 6/24/95                              Round 2  
 English Opening



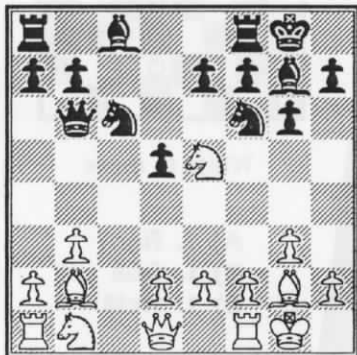
1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e5 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. g3 d5 5. cd5 Nd5 6. Bg2 Be6 7. O-O Be7 8. d4 ed4 9. Nd4 Nd4 10. Qd4 Bf6 11. Qa4 Bd7 12. Qe4 Ne7 13. Qb7 Rb8 14. Qa7 O-O 15. Rd1 Qc8 16. Qc5 Re8 17. b3 Ng6 18. Bb2 Re5 19. Rd5 Bh3 20. Re5 Be5 21. Rd1 Bg2 22. Kg2 Qg4 23. f3 Qe6 24. Rd2 h5 25. Ne4 Bb2 26. Rb2 h4 27. Rc2 Rd8 28. Qc7 h3 29. Kf2



29...Rd7 30. Qc8+ Kh7 31. Ng5+  
**Black Resigns.**

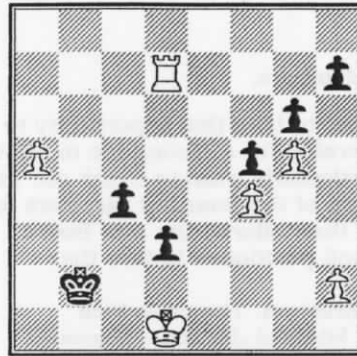
Nowak 2220      Stubberud 2066  
Copper King Open  
6/25/95      Round 4  
Benko Opening

1. g3 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. cd5 cd5 5. Bg2 Nc6 6. O-O g6 7. b3 Bg7 8. Bb2 O-O 9. Ne5 Qb6



10. Nxc6 (this is where Greg offered Kip a draw) 10...bc6 11. Nc3 Ba6 12. Na4 Qb5 13. d3 Rac8 14. Rc1 Nd7 15. Bg7 Kg7 16. Qc2 e5 17. Qc3 Kh6 18. f4 e4 19. g4 f6 20. g5 Kg7 21. Bh3 Rc7 22. Bd7 Rd7 23. Nc5 d4 24. Qc4 Qc4 25. bc4 ed3 26. ed3 Bc8 27. Ne6 Kf7 28. Nf8 Kf8 29. Rb1 Kf7 30. Rb8 Bb7 31. Rb1 Ba6 32. Re1 Rd6

33. Ree8 f5 34. Rbd8 Re6 35. Re6 Ke6 36. Ra8 Kd6 37. Ra7 Bc4 38. dc4 Kc5 39. Rd7 Kc4 40. Kf2 c5 41. Ke2 Kc3 42. a4 c4 43. a5 d3 44. Kd1 Kb2



45. Rxd3+! **Black Resigns.**



## The 1995 Triple Header Championship Notes by Thad Suits

The annual Triple Header Championship was held in Great Falls June 10th & 11th. At Stake were the State Championships in

three speed categories: Action (game in thirty minutes), Quick (game in fifteen), and Blitz (game in five). In the Action event on Saturday, Jan Johansson took clear First Place, winning all six of his games.

In the Blitz tournament that same evening, Suits went eight for ten to take his third Blitz title in five years. As befits a speed tournament, there was plenty of time-trouble excitement this year. In one game alone, (Z. Mayer-Suits), there were pieces knocked to the floor in a heavy Pawn promotion, followed by checkmate just as the victor's flag fell.

Sunday's Quick chess tournament ended in a three-way tie. Congratulations to 1995 co-champions Jan Johansson, Zygmund Mayer and Jim Skovron. this tournament was not without controversy due to a lack of any established tiebreak procedure. Fortunately, a compromise acceptable to all avoided necessity of a playoff: Following the example of the State Closed, the directors went with co-champions, and let Zygmund take home the plaque based on his tiebreak points.

The tournament was smaller than in previous years, with only nine players participating. Since over the long term most players do about the same in competition, regardless of speed, it's too bad that so many are reluctant to get involved at the faster pace. Slow chess is great, of course, but fast chess has its advantages. How else could you see so many tournament games (twenty one!) in a single weekend?

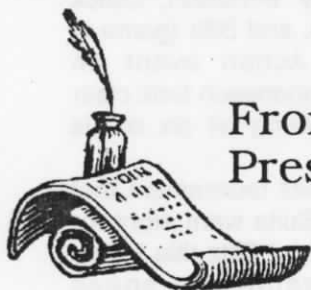
Editor's note:

Space would not allow the crosstables and many of the games from the Triple Header to be published in this issue.

Also, there were many submissions that couldn't fit in this time. thank you all for contributing.

6/30/95

## From the President's desk



Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for selecting me to serve as President of the MCA for the coming year! I particularly want to thank our past President, David Duke, and the departing members of the Board of Directors for their dedicated service to the MCA. As a result of their efforts, the new Board inherits a financially stable organization that is well positioned to face the challenges of the coming year. THANKS, DAVE!

Next, I want to introduce your Board of Directors. They are: Vice President: Kip Stubberud - Helena. Western V.P: Michael Jensen - Missoula. Eastern V.P: Paul Arnot - Bozeman. Sec/Treasurer: Leslie Brennan - Colstrip

We are fortunate to be represented by a Board that possesses so much experience, and I look forward to working with each one of them to move MCA into the future!

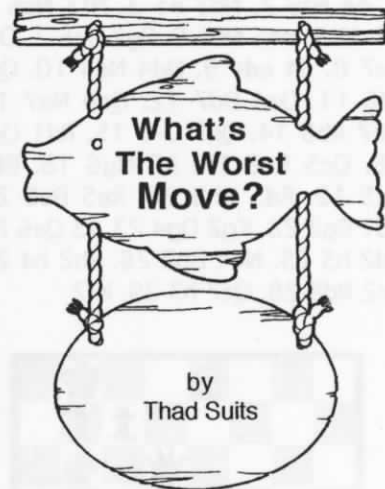
In introducing myself, I would like to share with you a little of my background. I was born in Livingston (1947) and raised in Helena, Butte and Missoula. I became interested in chess in the early 1960's while attending Missoula County High School, and started spending an inordinate amount of time playing the likes of Dr. Peter Lapikan, Wally Albert, Ted Brown and J. Michael Jensen in the back room of Hansen's Ice Cream Parlor! In the early 1970's, I became one of the few tournament directors in Montana, and organized tournaments in Missoula, Great Falls, Butte and Bozeman. After graduating from the University of Montana in 1975, my career took me out of the state, and many times out of the country! However, I always dreamed of returning to Montana, and last September I found the opportunity - a position as Field Engineer (computers, networks, software, etc.) with Boeing Information Services in Helena.

My wife Sandy - raised in Florence, MT - and I have wasted no time in renewing our love affair for this state! Returning to Montana has also rekindled my interest in chess. I have helped organize - and serve as President of a small but active chess club in Helena that is busy planning for the Helena Open (September) and the Montana Open to be held in Helena next May. In a nutshell, I am overjoyed to be back home, and honored to be selected as your President!

In the months ahead, I plan to use this space in the newsletter as my primary means of communicating with the membership of the MCA. I am personally committed to an open discussion of all issues relevant to our organization. To facilitate this process, I will close this opening column with an invitation to all members of the MCA to communicate their thoughts and ideas on improving chess in Montana directly to members of the Board of Directors. You can contact me at any of the following:

Dean Drake, 1201 Stuart Street, Helena, MT 59601 (406) 449-7638  
Internet: [gdwv98a@prodigy.com](mailto:gdwv98a@prodigy.com).

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you! - Dean Drake



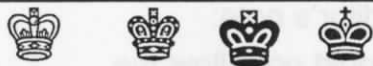
"WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?" is a popular quiz feature in *Chess Life*. The reader is asked to select the "killer" move from among three choices. It's a good exercise, but in real tournament play brilliancies are few and far between, while blunders happen every time you turn around. With that in mind, test yourself on What's The Worst Move?

from  
Suits-Skovron,  
1995 Montana  
Quick Chess Championship



White to move

- A) 1. Rac1
- B) 1. Qb6
- C) 1. Rxf6



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**A)** 1. Rac1 connects the Rooks and threatens to simplify by exchanging on the back rank. White is a piece and two Pawns up and ahead on time, so if he is intent on losing, he will have to come up with a better plan.

**B)** If there were nothing worse, 1. Qb6? Rxb6 2. Rxb6 would be a nice choice, trading the Queen for a Rook. With the Bishop pair, though, White might have to drag on indefinitely.

**C)** In the game, Suits found 1. Rxf6??, which is the only sure way to lose. After 1...gxf6+, it's all over.

# Upcoming Events

All MCA Grand Prix events will be advertised as:



AN MCA GRAND PRIX EVENT



## UCCC MIDSUMMER OPEN JULY 15,16 1995

Room 362, Social Science Building, University of Montana, Missoula, MT. 5 Round Swiss. Time control: G/2, Rounds: 9:00am, 1:30pm, 6:30pm, 8:30am, 1:00pm. Registration: 8:00 - 8:30am July 15. EF \$20 if rec. by 7/13, \$30 at site. \$\$ G 205 - 1st \$60 + trophy, 2nd trophy, <1800 \$50 + plaque, <1700 \$40+ plaque, <1500 \$30 + plaque, Biggest Upset \$25 + plaque (both players must have nonprovisional rgtg). MCA membership required (\$6), other states OK. No smoking, No computers, Wheelchair accessible. Cancellations received by 7:00am 7/15 (by calling 406 - 243 - 2843 and leave message) entitled to full refund. For advance registration or info, contact: William H. McBroom, 2321 Raymond Avenue. Missoula, MT 59802 (No Phone Entries).

## CLOSED WATCHERS OPEN JULY 29, 1995

Rooms 1-153, Wilson Hall, MSU Bozeman, MT. 4 SS. Time control: G/90. Rounds: 9am, 12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:30pm. Reg: 8:30 - 8:50am Jul 29. EF \$10 if rec. by 7/28 (No phone entries) \$15 at site. Prizes: \$ per entries. MCA memb. reqd. (\$6) O.S. OK. NS, NC, W. For advance reg./info: Steve Scarff 214 S. Church Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 586-4479

## WANNABE ACTION OPEN JULY 30, 1995

Rooms 1-153, Wilson Hall, MSU Bozeman, MT. 5 SS. Time control: G/30 (Full K). Rounds: 9am, 10:15am, 11:30am, 1:15pm, 2:30pm. Reg: 8:30 - 8:50am Jul 30. EF \$10 if rec. by 7/28 (No phone entries) \$15 at site. Prizes: \$ / entries. MCA memb. reqd. (\$6) O.S. OK. NS, NC, W. Adv. reg./info: Steve Scarff 214 S. Church Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 586-4479

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AN MCA GRAND PRIX EVENT



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	NAME	R/rock	Chnk	Freez	Midw	Fools	State	O	TOTAL
1	Sponsor	Bill CC	GF CC	UCCC	UCC	Cas CC	MCA		
2	C =	1.163	1.149	1.057	1.078	1.094	1.1045		
3	Rounds	4	5	4	5	4	5		
4	Johansson	8.375	10.35	8.456	9.702	8.753	7.179		52.815
5	D. Duke	8.375	5.75			7.002	7.179		28.306
6	Carpenter		11.49	6.342		7.878			25.71
7	Z. Mayer	8.375	5.75		7.546	3.501			25.172
8	Kuba				10.78	3.501	10.493		24.774
9	Brennan		9.19		7.546	3.501			20.237
10	Skovron		5.75	2.829	5.39	3.501	2.761		20.231
11	Long			6.342	7.546	3.501			17.389
12	Thompson	6.049					7.179		13.228
13	P. Motta	6.049	5.75						11.799
14	Stubberud						10.493		10.493
15	Moore		5.75			3.501			9.251
16	Phillips						7.179		7.179
17	Shughart			6.342					6.342
18	Rajala			6.342					6.342
19	Erickson			2.829			2.761		5.59
20	E. Mayer					3.501			3.501
21	Amundson			2.829					2.829
22	McCourt			2.829					2.829
23	Jensen						2.761		2.761
24	McBroom						2.761		2.761

## Final Grand Prix Standings

Every Grand Prix point earned is accounted for in the spreadsheet at left.

Alternates for the Grand Prix seeds are #1 Les Brennan, #2 Michael Long, #3 Paul Motta, etc.

Alternates for the State Open seeds (from the State Open crosstable) are #1 Ron Erickson, #2 Michael Long, #3, Jim Loy, etc.

Alternates for Greg Nowak will be the same as for the State Open alternates (as in Bylaw #15).

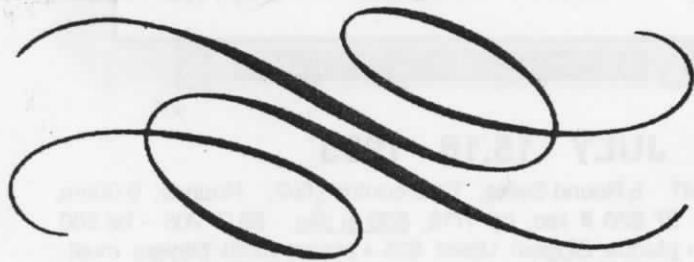
## 95-96 MCA Grand Prix

as of the Copper King Open

1. Greg Nowak 9.272
2. John C. Thompson 7.885
3. Kip Stubberud 7.885
4. J.C. Kuba 6.029
5. David Duke 6.029



# In response



Dear Les,,  
I wanted to thank you for all the kind words in your article this past issue. And, I wanted to thank everyone in the MCA for the recognition planned for the presentation at the Montana Open.

I sincerely regret that I was unable to attend the Open, not just because of the intended honor, but rather because this remains the premier chess event in Montana. I have missed it for three years in a row now, as well as the many other tournament opportunities.

It was not certain that I would be unable to attend this year. In spite of a whirlwind of personal and family activities stacking up on that weekend, I was still seriously discussing the possibility of streaking over to Bozeman on Saturday morning until another project deadline shifted, and I was committed to another weekend shortened by work.

I have high hopes that I'll be able to squeeze in at least one tournament this year, having completed my term as men's group president at church, and soon to be leaving my volunteer position with the American Society of Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Engineers after five years. I'll be looking forward to reacquainting myself with old friends, and battling old [and new] rivals over the board.

It is ever so enjoyable reading Montana Chess News, especially now that I've been unable to be directly involved for so long. You've added many new dimensions to the format using the computer tools now available, but I know that the real work has not gotten any easier. It can really be tough trying to decide whether or not to print one of Sherwood Moore's games!

Bill Lynch

