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Valentine

Inspires Artistic Expression



The art of combination, the art of deception, the art of positional play, endgame artistry and lovely donuts made for a quintessential Montana chess weekend in Missoula. Twenty six players, nurtured by years of study and practice, sought to play the perfect game. And, although this Editor is no judge of perfection, it is hoped that the reader will find many pretty examples of artistic excellence inside.

Greg Nowak took first place, winning all four of his games. His artful finesse is demonstrated in print for your edification.

Jonni Ammond started his things off by defeating Michael Jensen in round one for an upset of 490 points (maybe the upset of 1996?). The reader may, of course, want to see how he did this!

And Michael Long mated with a Knight and Bishop on the fiftieth move of the fifty-move limit! Lots of neat stuff! →

What's New

Freeze-Out:

- report by Dan McCourt - Greg Nowak parlayed three wins and a draw into a clear First over seventeen other competitors in the fifth annual Freeze-Out.

Romie Carpenter also finished undefeated for clear Second on 3 points. Keith Brownlee scored 2.5 points for best under 1600, while the medal for best tourney by a provisional/unrated player went to Carl Jenson on tie breaks over Chris McCourt.

There was an unusual but welcome representation of every rating level from master to novice. The newest player to rated chess, a youngster named Michael Joyce, brought a tactical flair that belied his ranking on the rating chart. Michael and Jeremy Younker played consistently good chess throughout the weekend, demonstrating that only lack of experience separates these juniors from their bright potential.

David Griffith unleashed upsets of 447 and 397 points, while Jim Burney turned in a 416 point upset. But for hanging a Rook in an otherwise won game, Jim would also have notched a 466 point upset of this writer.

Time controls without sudden death revived an old dimension - end game technique. The Carpenter - Moore game became a seven-hour lesson in handling a Rook and Pawn ending - excruciating to watch, but instructive and impressive.

As always, I offer thanks to the inventor of the "rating floor" concept. I visit that place so often. And thanks to all who attended - with a special tip of the hat to our out-of-town friends for their support. See ya at the Bookworm.

Business Agenda:

The agenda for the MCA Business Meeting, to be held at the State Open in May, will be announced in the next newsletter. Please make known what you want on the agenda before the end of April, lest you miss your chance.

Bylaw Changes:

MCA Grand Prix tournaments will, as of this newsletter, use the following tie-breaks, in this order: 1) Solkoff, 2) Cumulative, 3) Sonneborn-Berger (head to head). Also, the bylaw that requires that the date and site of the Closed be announced in the same newsletter that first announces the State Open details now also requires that the time controls and round times be announced. You will therefore notice that this information is, in fact, provided for you in this issue, as is a copy of the current Bylaws.

Midwinter Open:

It was questionable whether (weather?) there was even going to be a Midwinter Open, for temperatures were averaging twenty degrees below zero leading up to the tournament weekend! But after several phone calls and consultations, the show went on and people came, eighteen in all.

John C. Thompson won on tie-breaks over Romie Carpenter and Zygmund Mayer, all of whom had four points in this five-round event. Eriel Mayer (1545) left the event walking tall after drawing with Kuba (1917) and Johansson (2077) and leaving David Duke with the grim task of picking up the pieces after his loss to Eriel.

Newsletters:

For anyone who has ever entertained the idea of trying his/her hand at doing the newsletter, now is the time to think more seriously about it. Your current Editor will step aside after one more issue and pass the baton.

If you have a typewriter or a computer or have legible handwriting, you can make newsletters. MCA is an all volunteer mix of chess players who basically just want to know when the next tournament will be. The person who steps forward to provide this information will be truly appreciated. Think about it. Is it your time?

The ideal situation would, of course, be that the new Secretary/Treasurer will assume the newsletter responsibility. This has traditionally been a "package" deal. This whole "package" will become vacant as of the State Open business meeting. And this meeting is actually approaching fast. It is therefore time to make your availability known, so you can be considered a candidate for nomination.

Technical support and advice will be available from the current Editor during and after the transition for as long as it's needed.

Valentine Open:

The Valentine was easily won by the "Octopus" - Greg Nowak, who played four games for four points. Jonni Ammond played tough in round one against Michael Jensen, resulting in a possible MCA Upset of the Year (490 points)! Bob Martin also had Mike Jensen worried, as he worked his two Bishops into an artful piece-winning combination. The two players then agreed on a draw (still a feather in Martin's cap). John Rayburn did an excellent job of directing the Valentine, and some tricky pairing problems were solved with fluidity. With some help from the Spokane crowd, the players totaled a respectable twenty six.

Thompson Teaches:

The second article in Mr. Thompson's series of helpful chess hints appears in this issue. Don't fail to take his lessons to heart. John Thompson has taught many a fine chess player, the likes of Ken Smith of Chess Digest fame.



UCCC 1ST WINTER OPEN 12/7,14,21/95

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1	J. Michael Jensen	1974	W 5	W 2	W 3	3
2	Romie Carpenter	1811	W 6	L 1	W 4	2
3	John Rayburn	1493	W 4	D 5	L 1	1.5
4	Ron Erickson	1733	L 3	W 6	L 2	1
5	William McBroom	1718	L 1	D 3	D 6	1
6	Sherwood Moore	1629	L 2	L 4	D 5	0.5

UCCC 2ND WINTER OPEN 1/4,11,18/96

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1	J. Michael Jensen	1974	W 4	BYE	W 2	2.5
2	Romie Carpenter	1811	W 5	W 7	L 1	2
3	William McBroom	1718	D 6	D 4	D 5	1.5
4	Daniel J. McCourt	1700	L 1	D 3	W 8	1.5
5	Sherwood Moore	1629	L 2	W 6	D 3	1.5
6	John Rayburn	1493	D 3	L 4	W 7	1.5
7	Ryan Cain	1273	BYE	L 2	L 6	1
8	David Shughart	1825	U--	U--	L 4	0

FIVE-VALLEYS FREEZE-OUT 1/13,14/96

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOT
1	Nowak	2198	W 9	W 8	W 3	D 4	3.5
2	Carpenter	1811	W13	D 5	D 4	W 9	3
3	McBroom	1718	W16	W 7	L 1	D 6	2.5
4	Jensen	1974	W 6	H--	D 2	D 1	2.5
5	Moore	1629	W17	D 2	L10	W 7	2.5
6	Brownlee	1436	L 4	W17	W 8	D 3	2.5
7	Griffin	1253	W10	L 3	W11	L 5	2
8	Jenson	1651	W15	L 1	L 6	W10	2
9	Rayburn	1493	L 1	W15	W14	L 2	2
10	D. McCourt	1700	L 7	W14	W 5	L 8	2
11	G. Younker	1650	L14	W16	L 7	W15	2
12	C. McCourt	1090	U--	U--	BYE	W14	2
13	Gisselbeck	1386	L 2	H--	L16	W17	1.5
14	Burney	1234	W11	L10	L 9	L12	1
15	J. Younker	1214	L 8	L 9	W17	L11	1
16	Petersen	1361	L 3	L11	W13	U--	1
17	Joyce	UNR	L 5	L 6	L15	L13	0

VALENTINE OPEN 2/17,18/96

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOT
1	Nowak	2175	W14	W13	W 2	W 4	4
2	Johansson	2077	W10	W 8	L 1	W13	3
3	Brennan	1821	D20	W19	D 9	W 7	3
4	Carpenter	1864	D19	W24	W18	L 1	2.5
5	D. Shughart	1822	D24	W15	L 7	W18	2.5
6	Duke	1793	W25	D 9	D11	D10	2.5
7	Erickson	1756	W22	D11	W 5	L 3	2.5
8	Long	1777	W26	L 2	W14	D 9	2.5
9	McBroom	1664	W17	D 6	D 3	D 8	2.5
10	Moore	1656	L 2	W26	W23	D 6	2.5
11	Martin	1632	W16	D 7	D 6	D12	2.5
12	Jensen	2030	L15	BYE	W24	D11	2
13	G. Younker	1683	W23	L 1	W15	L 2	2
14	Bailey	1662	L 1	W22	L 8	W19	2
15	Ammond	1540	W12	L 5	L13	W23	2
16	Griffin	1321	L11	L23	W26	W22	2
17	Suriano	1103	L10	W25	L21	W26	2
18	McCourt	1727	BYE	W20	L 4	L 5	1.5
19	Rajala	1506	D 4	L 3	W20	L14	1.5
20	Furdell	1355	D 3	L18	L19	W25	1.5
21	C. Jenson	1651	U--	U--	W17	U--	1
22	J. Younker	1257	L 7	L14	W25	L16	1
23	Stuckey	1199	L13	W16	L10	L15	1
24	Brownlee	1497	D 5	L 4	L12	WD	0.5
25	Petersen	1316	L 6	L17	L22	L20	0
26	M. Shughart	1251	L 8	L10	L16	L17	0

MIDWINTER OPEN 2/3,4/96

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOT
1	Thompson	2100	W 7	W 5	W 3	D 2	H--	4
2	Carpenter	1864	W 9	W 4	H--	D 1	W 6	4
3	Z. Mayer	2004	W 8	W12	L 1	W10	W 5	4
4	Johansson	2077	W10	L 2	W 7	D 6	W11	3.5
5	Brennan	1821	W16	L 1	W 8	W13	L 3	3
6	E. Mayer	1545	D11	W14	W13	D 4	L 2	3
7	Bailey	1662	L 1	W16	L 4	W12	W10	3
8	Scarff	1600	L 3	W15	L 5	W16	W14	3
9	Ammond	1540	L 2	L10	D15	W18	B--	2.5
10	Moore	1656	L 4	W 9	W11	L 3	L 7	2
11	Kuba	1917	D 6	D13	L10	W14	L 4	2
12	Suriano	1103	B--	L 3	L14	L 7	W15	2
13	Duke	1793	W18	D11	L 6	L 5	H--	2
14	Amundson	1233	H--	L 6	W12	L11	L 8	1.5
15	Smith	1416	U--	L 8	D 9	B--	L12	1.5
16	Bye	1484	L 5	L 7	W18	L 8	U--	1
17	Price	1335	U--	W18	U--	U--	U--	1
18	Hofland	1356	L13	L17	L16	L 9	U--	0

UCCC 3RD WINTER OPEN 2/1, 8, 15/95

	NAME	RTG	1	2	3	TOT
1	Ron Erickson	1756	D 4	W 8	W 3	2.5
2	Ted Catton	1741	D 5	D 4	W 7	2
3	Dan McCourt	1727	W 6	W 7	L 1	2
4	Bill McBroom	1664	D 1	D 2	D 5	1.5
5	Carl Jenson	UNR	D 2	W 6	D 4	2
6	John Rayburn	1477	L 3	L 5	W 8	1
7	Ryan Cain	1273	BYE	L 3	L 2	1
8	Sherwood Moore	1656	BYE	L 1	L 6	0.5

The Middle Game

the second in a series of articles on improving chess

by
John C. Thompson



here is a saying that chess is ninety nine percent tactics. I don't believe it. Positional play is equally important. In fact, combinations almost always come as the result of a sound build-up of the position. One of the most brilliant players in the history of chess - Paul Morphy - frequently beat his opponents by out-combining them, but when they wouldn't make enough mistakes to allow him to be brilliant, he simply out-played them. This was especially true of his match with the great Adolph Anderssen, who many authorities think was more imaginative than Morphy, but the latter beat him decisively because he had a better understanding of the logical basis of chess.

There are three fundamental principles:

1. The principle of force.
The player who is ahead in material should win.
2. The principle of mobility.
The player who has more room for his pieces to move about in has an advantage.
3. The principle of safety.
The safety of the King is of primary importance.

It is important to know the value of the pieces. Taking the Pawn as the measure, the Bishop and Knight are each worth three, the Rook five and the Queen nine. Thus the Queen is equal to two Bishops and a Knight, or two Knights and a Bishop, or more or less equal to two Rooks, depending on the position.

Every player should cultivate his ability to work out combinations - meaning a series of forced moves which leads to material gain. This can be done by studying the games of the masters. The best book on the subject that I have ever seen is Combination

Challenge! - Attaining the Master-Expert Levels in Chess through Tactics 1154 Striking Examples in a 1990's Format by Lou Hays and USCF Senior Master John Hall.

This book can be purchased from Hays Publishing, P.O. Box 797623, Dallas, TX 75379 for \$18.45, shipping and handling included (quantity discount rates to schools, chess clubs, prisons and private chess instructors).

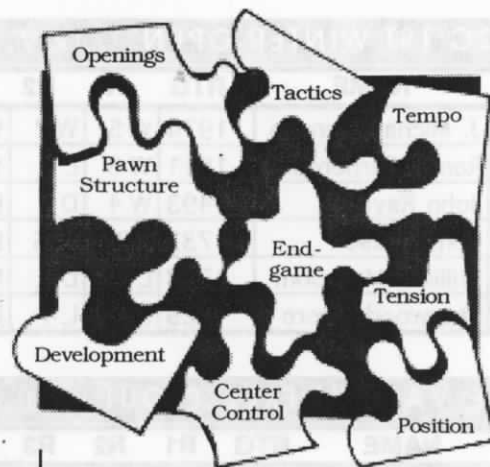
Also available from Hays Publishing is My System - 21st Century Edition by Aron Nimzowitsch @ \$21.00. This is a

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classic which has never been surpassed as an explanation of what chess is all about.

The opening lends itself very well to playing rules and maxims but the middle game is more complicated. Still, there are two important rules which should be followed:

First Rule. Have all your moves fit into definite plans. Do not play aimlessly. A plan is made for a few moves only - not for the whole game. The best course is to note all the consequences for the next two moves but try to work out forced variations as far as they go. This means that many plans will be



formulated and carried out during a game.

Plans are made for specific purposes only. Plan to weaken one enemy Pawn, or to undermine the position of one piece, or to place one of your pieces on a square where it will be highly effective, or to coordinate the action of your two Rooks, or to weaken your opponent's King position - such as forcing g6 when you control the long diagonal.

Keep your plans flexible. Do not adhere to one hard and rigid series of moves which you are going to carry out, cost what it may. Your plan should be composed of one central idea based on some general principles and one or two short variations. It is folly to try to foresee everything, and you can rest assured that nobody does.

The plan must be based on sound general principles: force, mobility and King safety. Above all, try to keep your pieces working together as one harmonious whole.

And finally, the plan must be suggested by some feature in the position. We can frequently have two plans working side by side - a long-range plan to attack the King and a short-term plan to weaken a Pawn's position to facilitate the attack.

HOW TO ANALYZE A POSITION

There are five elements in any situation on the chess board: force (or material), Pawn structure, degree of mobility of the pieces, King safety and combinative possibilities. These factors give us the basic questions:

1. Am I ahead, behind or even in

material?

2. Are my Pawns well placed? And how do they compare with my opponent's?

3. How much freedom of action do my pieces have? And is my degree of mobility greater than my opponent's?

4. Are the Kings safe, or exposed to attack?

5. What is the threat (combinations)?

In all cases; we go on to ask, "What am I going to do about it?"

Second Rule: When you are ahead in material, exchange as many pieces as possible, especially Queens. Then your advantage becomes percentage-wise greater.

PAWN STRUCTURE

The configuration of the Pawns is the most stable element in the position and must inevitably determine the course of the game. Pawn play depends almost entirely on the principle of mobility. One set of Pawns is preferable to another if more moves can be made with it. The basic principle is that the most valuable Pawn is one that is passed. That is, no enemy Pawn is in front or on either of the two adjacent files.

There are three types of Pawn structures which are weak: doubled, isolated and blockaded. Besides these, there are Pawn structures that are relatively inferior: weak, only because they are exploitable by pieces. These are of two kinds: backward Pawns on an open file, and "holes" in the King position. The King is safest when the three Pawns in front of him are on their original squares.

Advanced Pawns tend to create weaknesses. Pawns should cooperate and defend one another. If one gets too far ahead of its fellows, it is apt to be gobbled up or to be unable to come to the aid of a companion. The more advanced they are, the fewer important squares the control. In general, Pawns in the center are more valuable than those on a wing.

MOBILITY

Freedom of action or

mobility is the basis of all positional play. Where the material is even and the King is safe, there is nothing else that we can go by, since Pawn structure is merely a special case of mobility. If one has considerably less mobility than the opponent, the position is said to be "cramped."

In the middle game, one should not be satisfied until all the pieces, or all but one, are off their original squares. In particular, one should have the Rooks connected.

Superior mobility confers an advantage, but it is not necessarily a forced win (as in a plus in material). There are only two really tangible advantages in chess: one is a strong attack on the enemy King. The other is winning material. If, then, your pieces are better placed than your opponent's, you have one of two courses to choose from: either capture material or begin an attack against the enemy King. Since direct attack is often out of the question, the two

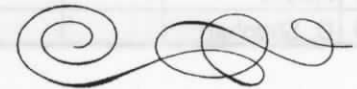
moves, all more or less forced, and frequently involving a material sacrifice, designed to effect some radical change in the position, resulting in material gain or King attack.

All combinations obey one simple law, ALL COMBINATIONS ARE BASED ON A DOUBLE ATTACK.

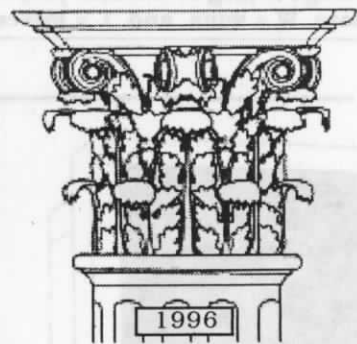
Winning combinations are not possible if there are no weaknesses in the position. The two chief weaknesses are exposed pieces and an inferior King position.

LET'S GIVE CREDIT

Most of the ideas presented in this article come from the works of my No.1 Chess Hero - Reuben Fine, especially Chess the Easy Way, and The Middle Game in Chess, both of which I recommend. Fine, who passed away recently, and I were old friends. In one of his books, he referred to me as "The Soul of Chess in Texas". In 1940, in the preliminaries of the USCF Open, he and I drew our individual game and tied for First in a nine-round tournament - one of my proudest brags.



Jonni Ammond



Leader in the Biggest MCA Upset of 1996 for his win over Mike Jensen at the Valentine Open 490 Upset Points!

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motifs should be used together. That is, combine an attack with threats of winning a piece or several Pawns.

KING SAFETY

The chief strategical point to remember is that the King must not be subjected to an attack by a large contingent of enemy forces. Most important, do not expose your own King while the Queens are still on the board, the term "expose" is equivalent to a serious weakening of the Pawn position.

COMBINATIONS

A combination is a series of

MCA Grand Prix Points to date

	Name	CopK	Hel	Chin	Midw	Val	State	TOTAL
1	C =	1.159	1.099	1.097	1.093	1.08		
2	Rounds	4	5	5	5	4		
3	Long		10.44	9.873		3.025		23.338
4	Johansson			7.679	7.649	7.347		22.675
5	Carpenter		8.244		9.835	3.025		21.104
6	Duke	6.029	5.496	5.485		3.025		20.035
7	Stubberud	7.885	10.44					18.325
8	Nowak	9.272				8.643		17.915
9	Brennan			5.485	4.919	7.347		17.751
10	Thompson	7.885			9.835			17.72
11	Z. Mayer		5.496		9.835			15.331
12	E. Mayer			5.485	4.919			10.404
13	Skovron			9.873				9.873
14	Suits			9.873				9.873
15	Hansen		8.244					8.244
16	Kuba	6.029						6.029
17	Borchardt		5.496					5.496
18	Bailey				4.919			4.919
19	Scarff				4.919			4.919
20	Erickson					3.025		3.025
21	Martin					3.025		3.025
22	McBroom					3.025		3.025
23	Moore					3.025		3.025
24	D. Shughart					3.025		3.025

The top two Grand Prix finishers will join the top three State Open finishers in challenging the State Champion for the 1996-1997 Montana State title.

There still are Grand Prix points to be earned at the State Open, so the figures at left aren't final. Conceivably, any of the top eleven on the list could emerge as the top two after the State Open.

Of course, the #1 finisher will earn the title of Grand Prix Champion of the year.

Grand Prix Formula : $(N/5) \times (11 - P) \times C$ where

For the purpose of determining the average rating of all players in an event, the ratings used by the director for pairings will be used, except players without ratings will be assigned a number equal to :

Average rating of RATED players + $(W-L) \times 100$
where W = wins and L = losses (of the unrated player)

N = no. of rounds

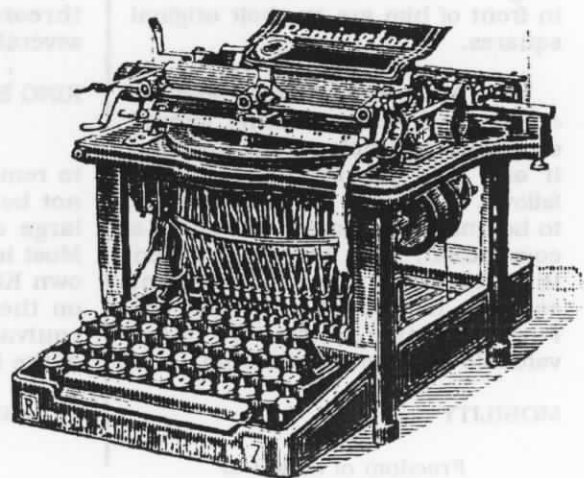
P = place in order among
Montana Resident Players
(the average of tied places)

C = average rating of all players
in the event / 1500



Do you have one of these things?

If so, would you like to donate your services for a while by cranking out some newsletters? As you know, everything that gets done in our chess organization is done by volunteers. We will need a new newsletter Editor to step forward by the State Open. Is this your time? Think about it.



MCA BYLAWS

1. The President shall act as the official delegate for Montana to the U. S. Chess Federation. He will also appoint the two alternate voting members.
2. MCA shall adopt a schedule of membership fees with categories and rates as follows:

Juniors (under 18)	\$3 /yr.
Regular	\$6/yr.
3. All players in MCA sponsored or sanctioned events (except where specially designated) shall be required to join MCA.
4. First-time players, new to USCF will receive one (1) year free MCA membership to help with costs.
5. The MCA shall make appropriate awards for the following:
 - a) Montana State Chess Champion(s)
to the winner(s) of the State Championship
 - b) Montana Grand Prix Chess Champion
to the winner of the Grand Prix competition
 - c) Montana State Postal Chess Champion(s)
to the winner of the Montana Postal Chess Tournament
 - d) Montana State Speed Chess Champion
to the winner of the State Speed Chess Championship
 - e) Montana Senior Chess Champion
to the Montana player age 50 or over with the best showing in the Montana Open
 - f) Biggest Upset of the Year
to the Montana resident (at the time of the game) who wins a game against a higher-rated opponent where the difference in ratings is the greatest for any game played in an open tournament during the calendar year. The ratings of both players must be established at the time of the game.
 - g) Greatest Rating Gain for the Year
to the player with the most gain in rating points according to the annual list published by the USCF. The player must have an established rating at the beginning of the year, and must be a Montana resident for at least six months, including either the beginning or the end of the year.
 - h) Montana High School Chess Champion
to the winner of the State High School Championship
 - i) Grand Slam Award
to any player who takes a clear 1st place in four Grand Prix tournaments during the course of the MCA tournament calendar year (after a Montana Open to the next Montana Open). The trophy or plaque will have the name of the player and the four tournaments in which he/she took 1st place.
6. In the State Closed playoff, all players tied for 1st place will be listed as co-champions of that year.
7. The Montana Postal Championship shall be an official MCA annual event. The MCA Postal Championship shall be rated by USCF. Only members who are legal residents of Montana may enter.
8. Any tournament "sponsored" by the MCA is:
 - a) Organized and directed by officers of the MCA or persons appointed by MCA.
 - b) Financially supported by the MCA.
 - c) Advertised in the official newsletter of the MCA.
9. Any tournament "sanctioned" by the MCA must:
 - a) be advertised in the official newsletter of the MCA
 - b) require MCA membership
10. In any tournament "sponsored" or "sanctioned" by the MCA, the following conditions will apply:
 - a) The entry fee for all players will be the same except in the case of Junior players, who will receive a 50% discount. In all MCA "sponsored" events, the current State Champion(s) will be entitled to free entry.
 - b) A uniform tie-breaking system for prizes will be used.
The order will be: 1) Solkoff 2) Cumulative 3) Sonneborn-Berger
 - c) Prizes advertised must be available to the prizewinners at the end of the event. The exception will be the State Closed, in which the name of the State Champion would need to be engraved on the trophy. The trophy would then be delivered within 60 days to the new State Champion.
 - d) Any change in the starting time for a round, as determined by the tournament director, will be limited to no more than plus or minus one (1) hour from the advertised starting time, except in the case where the Director may delay the last round to await the conclusion of games crucial to pairings. Any changes shall be announced before the start of the previous round.
 - e) The time control for any MCA Grand Prix game shall not be faster than G/90.
11. The Montana State Open tournament will be "sponsored" by the Montana Chess Association and will be an "Open" tournament. Players from any state are welcome.
12. The entry fee for the Montana Open shall be: \$20.00 per player in advance, \$25.00 at the playing site. Junior players (under 20) shall pay 1/2 price.
13. There will be a "Closed" playoff following the State Open to determine the State Champion. The six players to compete in the "Closed" will be the previous year's State Champion, the top two (2) finishers in the Grand Prix, and the top three (3) Montana finishers in the State Open. Non-resident members are not eligible for the State Closed playoff.

14. After the Montana Open, the Grand Prix finishers will first be determined for seeding into the State Closed playoff. Then, excluding the top two Grand Prix finishers and the previous State Champion, the top three finishers (Montana residents) in the Montana Open will be determined and seeded into the State Closed playoff.
15. The procedure for determining alternate players for the "Closed" is as follows: Grand Prix seeds will be replaced by those next in line in the Grand Prix standing; State Open seeds will be replaced by players next in line in the State Open standings; A sole State Champion will be replaced by the # 4 finisher in the Montana Open; A Co-State Champion will be replaced by the other co-champion with the best tie-breaks in the previous State Closed playoff.
16. When there is a tie in the "Closed" playoff, the following method of tie-break will be used to determine who is seeded into the next year's "Closed" playoff:
 - a) If the current champion is one of the tied players and he is the sole champion from the previous year, or the only one of the previous year's Co-Champions, then he shall be the seeded player.
 - b) In a tie not involving the current champion, the player with the best standing in the previously held State Open, including tie-breaks, shall be the seeded player.
 - c) In a tie not involving the current champion or a player who competed in the previous State Open, the player with the best Grand Prix standing shall be the seeded player.
17. The State Closed shall be an MCA "sponsored" event. The site, date, time controls, round times and tournament director for a given year's Closed State Championship shall be established by the MCA Board of Directors, and these arrangements shall be announced at the same time that year's State Open is first listed in Montana Chess News. The Championship shall have an Open satellite. The playoff must take place by no later than October 31st of that year.
18. The Grand Prix shall begin after the Montana Open each year, and conclude with the following year's Montana Open. Only a Swiss-system, open tournament will be eligible to be a Grand Prix event. In any Grand Prix tournament, all grand Prix points will be issued to the first ten Montana finishers with a plus score, respective of finish. No tie-breaking will be in effect for grand Prix points, i.e. Two players tie for 1st. They would split 1st and 2nd Grand Prix points equally. Grand Prix points will not be issued to non-resident members. The Secretary/Treasurer shall compute the Grand Prix points awarded and track the standings through the year, arranging for those standings to be published in the official newsletter throughout the year.
19. Grand Prix points will be awarded according to the following formula:

$$(N/5) \times (11 - P) \times C$$
 where

N	=	Number of rounds in the event
P	=	Place in order of finish among Montana resident players (the average place in the event of ties)
C	=	Average rating of all players in the event / 1500

For the purpose of determining the average rating of all players in an event, the ratings used by the director for pairings will be used, except that players without ratings will be assigned a number equal to :

Average rating of RATED players + (W-L) x 100 where W = wins and L = losses (of the unrated player).
20. MCA Grand Prix events will be limited to one (1) per sponsoring USCF affiliate organization per year. All MCA Grand Prix events must be announced as such in advance in *Montana Chess News*. A minimum of six players will be required to participate in a Grand Prix event to qualify the awarding of official Montana Grand Prix points to participants.
21. The annual MCA Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Montana State Open, and the agenda for the Business Meeting will be decided by the members throughout the year and announced in advance of the State Open in the MCA newsletter.

Ruminations of a fish slayer

Man, I love it out here... the fresh air, the quiet...the fish...

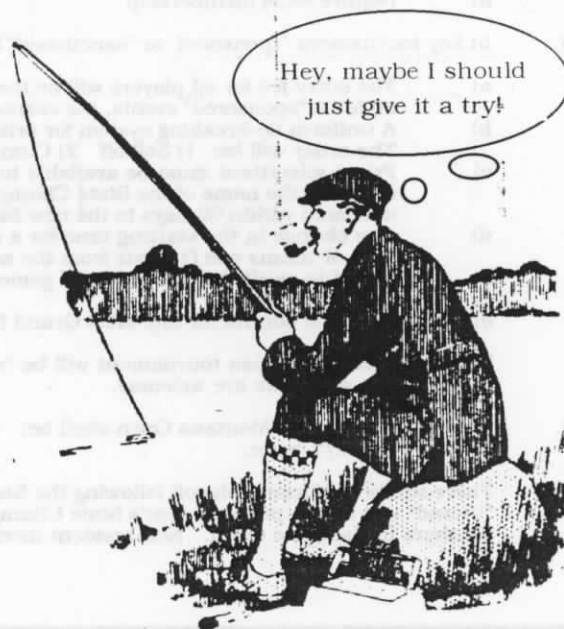
...the only thing I know that's quieter than chess...

You know... I'd throw a fish back for a game right now!

Wonder when the next tournament's gonna be?..

I wonder who's gonna start doing the newsletter?...

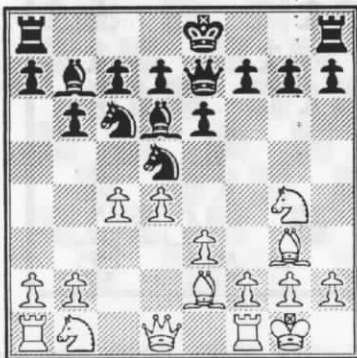
Surely somebody will! Somebody always does...



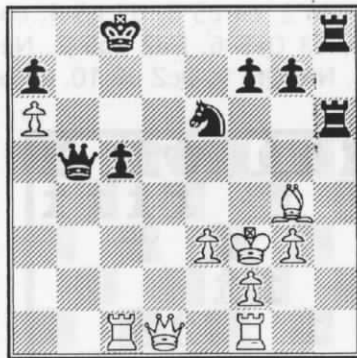
Recent Games

Rayburn 1446 Erickson 1733
 UCCC 1st Winter Open
 12/7/95 Round 1
 Queen's Pawn Game

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bf4 b6 4. e3 Bb7 5. Be2 Nc6 6. O-O Bd6 7. Ne5 Nd5 8. Bg3 Qf6 9. Ng4 Qe7 10. c4



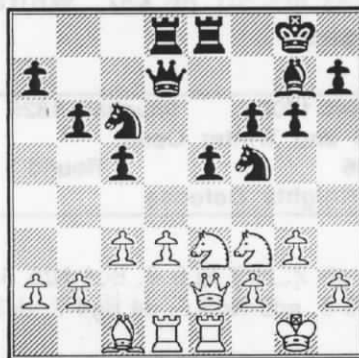
10...Bxg3? 11. cxd5 Bxh2+ 12. Nxh2 exd5 (the trade deficit seems to favor White) 13. Nc3 Nd8 14. a4 h5 15. a5 h4 16. a6 Bc6 17. Ng4 h3 18. Bf3 Qg5 19. g3 d6 20. b4 Rb8 21. b5 Ba8 22. Ne2 Ne6 23. Rc1 Kd7 24. Nf4 Rbf8 25. Nh2 Rh4 26. Bg4 Rh6 27. Nh3 Qd8 28. Nf4 Rfh8 29. Nf3 c5 30. dc5 dc5 31. Nd5 Kc8 32. Nb6 Qb6 33. Kg2 Bf3 34. Kf3 Qb5



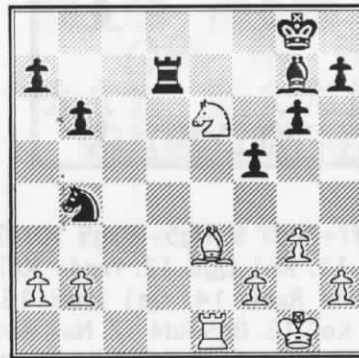
35. Qd5 Kb8? 36. Rb1 Rf6+ 37. Kg2 Rxf2+ 38. Kxf2 Rh2+ 39. Kg1 Rb2 40. Qe5+ Kc8 41. Rxb2 **Black Resigns.**

Jensen 1974 Carpenter 1811
 UCCC 1st Winter Open
 12/14/95 Round 2
 Benko Opening

1. g3 g6 2. Bg2 Bg7 3. d3 d5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. O-O O-O 6. Nbd2 c5 7. c3 Nc6 8. Qc2 e5 9. e4 Re8 10. Re1 b6 11. ed5 Nd5 12. Nc4 Bf5 13. Nh4 Be6 14. Bd2 Qd7 15. Rad1 Rad8 16. Bg5 f6 17. Bc1 Bg4 18. Bf3 Nde7 19. Qe2 Bf3 20. Nf3 Nf5 21. Ne3



21...Nfd4 22. cxd4 exd4 23. Qc2 dxe3 24. Bxe3 Nb4 25. Qc4 Qd5 26. Qd5 Rd5 27. d4 Red8 28. Rd2 cd4 29. Rd4 Rd4 30. Nd4 f5 31. Ne6 Rd7

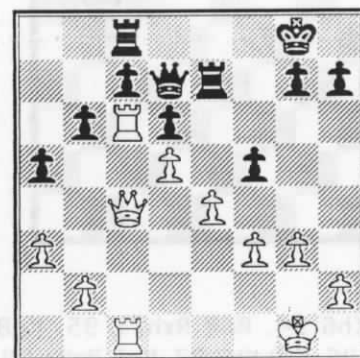


32. Nxc7 Nc2 33. Ne8!! Kf7 34. Re2 Rd1+ 35. Kg2 Ne1+ 36. Kh3 Nf3 37. Kg2 Ne1+ 38. Rxe1 Rxe1 39. Nd6 Ke6 40. Nc8 Re2 41. Na7 Rb2 42. Nc8 b5 43. a3 Rb3 44. Na7 Kd6 45. Bh6 Kc5 46. Bf8 Kb6 47. Nc8 Ka5 48. Bb4 Rb4 49. ab4 Kb4 50. Kf3

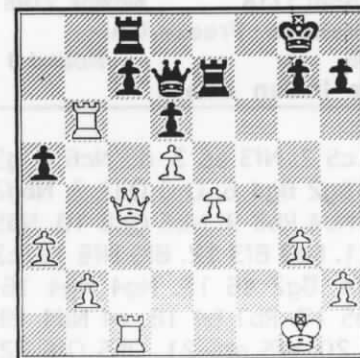
Kc3 51. Nb6 b4 52. Nd5 Kc4 53. Nb4 Kb4 54. Kf4 Kb3 55. Ke5 Kc3 **Black Resigns**

Carpenter 1811 Moore 1629
 Five-Valleys Freeze-Out
 1/13/96 Round 2
 Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 b6 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 Be7 6. Nc3 O-O 7. d5 ed5 8. cd5 Bb4 9. Nh4 Re8 10. O-O d6 11. Bd2 Nbd7 12. Rc1 Ba6 13. Re1 Nc5 14. a3 Bc3 15. Bc3 Nce4 16. Nf5 Nc3 17. Rc3 Qd7 18. Nd4 Ne4 19. Rc1 Bb7 20. Nc6 Qf5 21. f3 Ng5 22. e4 Nh3 23. Bh3 Qh3 24. Rc3 Bc6 25. Rc6 Re7 26. Qc2 Qd7 27. Rc1 Rc8 28. Qa4 a5 29. Qc4 f5



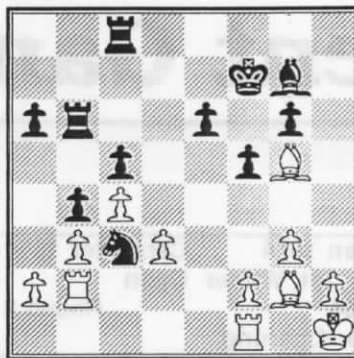
30. Rxb6! fxe4! 31. fxe4



31...Rxe4! 32. Qb5 Qxb5 33. Rxb5 Re2 34. Ra5 Rb2 35. a4 Ra2 →

Carpenter - Moore, continued

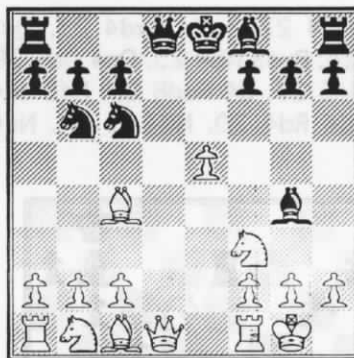
36. Ra7 Re8 37. Rf1 Rd2 38. Rc7 Rd5 39. Rff7 Re2 40. Rg7 Kf8 41. Rgf7 Kg8 42. Rf2 Re4 43. Ra2 Ra5 44. Rd7 Rea4 45. Ra4 Ra4 46. Rd6 Ra2 47. Rf6 Kg7 48. Rf2 Ra4 49. Kg2 h5 50. Rf4 Ra2 51. Rf2 Ra4 52. h3 Rb4 53. Re2 Ra4 54. Kf3 Kf6 55. Re4 Ra3 56. Re3 Ra1 57. Kf4 Ra4 58. Re4 Ra1 59. Rb4 Rf1 60. Ke3 Re1 61. Kf2 Ra1 62. Rb6 Kg7 63. Rb5 Kg6 64. Rb8 Ra2 65. Ke3 Ra3 66. Kf4 Ra4 67. Ke5 Ra5 68. Kd4 Ra4 69. Kc5 Kf7 70. Rb3 Ra1 71. h4 Re1 72. Rf3 Ke6 73. Kd4 Rd1 74. Ke3 Ra1 75. Rf8 Ra3 76. Kf4 Ra4 77. Kg5 Rg4 78. Kh5 Rg3 79. Kh6 Ke7 80. Rf1 Rg2 81. h5 Rg3 82. Kh7 Rg2 83. h6 Rg3 84. Ra1 Kf6 85. Ra6 Kf5 86. Ra7 Kf6 87. Rg7 Ra3 88. Kh8 Rh3 89. h7 Ra3 90. Rg8 Ra7 91. Rb8 Re7 92. Rf8 Kg6 93. Rg8+



29...Ne4! 30. dxe4 Bxb2 31. exf5 gxf5 32. Rd1 Bd4 33. Rd2 Kg6 34. h4 a5 35. Bf3 Rd6 36. Kg2 Be5 37. Re2 Bc3 38. Be7 Rb6 39. Bg5 e5 40. Be3 e4 41. h5 Kh7 42. Be4 fe4 43. g4 Bd4 44. g5 Be3 45. Re3 Re6 46. f4 ef3 47. Kf3 Rf8 48. Ke2 Re3 49. Ke3 Rf5 50. g6 Kg7 **White Resigns.**

McCourt 1700 Shughart 1825
UCCC 2nd Winter Open
1/18/96 Round 3
Two Knights Defense

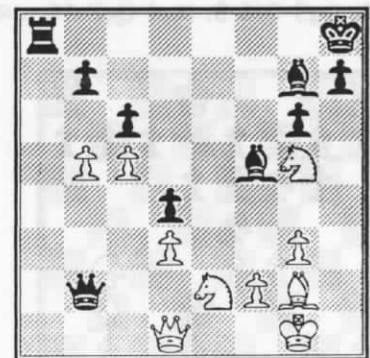
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. O-O d5 5. ed5 Nd5 6. d4 Bg4 7. de5 Nb6



8. Bxf7+ Kxf7 9. Ng5+ Qxg5 10. f3 Bc5+ 11. Kh1 Qg6 12. fxf4+ Ke7 13. Nc3 Rad8 14. Qe1 Rhf8 15. Qh4+ Ke6 16. Bg5 Rd4 17. Ne2 Re4 18. Nf4 Rff4 19. Bf4 Ne5 20. Rae1 Nd5 21. Be5 Ke5 22. Rf5 Kd4 23. c3+ **Black Resigns.**

Johansson 2077 Carpenter 1864
Midwinter Open
2/3/96 Round 2
King's Indian Attack

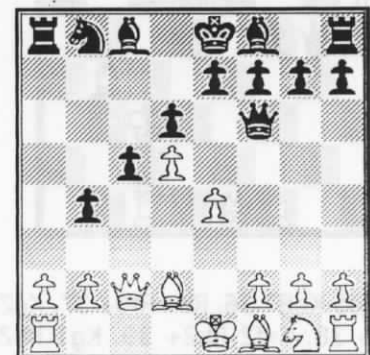
1. Nf3 g6 2. g3 Bg7 3. Bg2 e5 4. d3 d5 5. Nbd2 Ne7 6. O-O O-O 7. c4 d4 8. Rb1 a5 9. b3 Nbc6 10. a3 f5 11. b4 ab4 12. ab4 Qe8 13. Re1 Nd8 14. e3 de3 15. Re3 f4 16. Re1 Bf5 17. Qb3 Qd7 18. Bf1 fg3 19. hg3 Ndc6 20. Bb2 Nd4 21. Bd4 ed4 22. Bg2 Nc6 23. c5 Kh8 24. Ng5 Ne5 25. Re5 Be5 26. Nc4 Bf6 27. Ne4 Rae8 28. Ncd2 Qe6 29. Qb2 Bg7 30. Nb3 Qa6 31. Nc1 Ra8 32. Qd2 Qa3 33. Ng5 c6 34. Rb3 Qa1 35. b5 Ra2 36. Qd1 Rb2 37. Rb2 Qb2 38. Ne2 Ra8



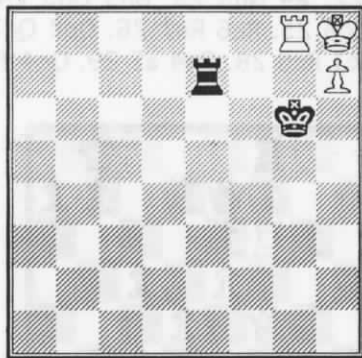
39. bxc6?? (Doth White see not what Black hath wrought?)
 39...Ra1 (a Queen-ectomy)
 40. Qxa1 Qxa1+ 41. Kh2 bxc6 42. Bxc6 Bf6 43. Nf7 Kg7 44. Nd6 Qf1 45. Nf4 Qf2 46. Ng2 Be5 47. Ne8 Kf8 **White Resigns.**

Thompson 2100 Z. Mayer 2004
Midwinter Open
2/3/96 Round 3
Benko Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cb5 a6 5. Nc3 Qa5 6. Bd2 ab5 7. Ne4 Qb6 8. Nf6 Qf6 9. Qc2 d6 10. e4 b4



11. Nf3 g6 12. Bxb4! e5 13. dxe6



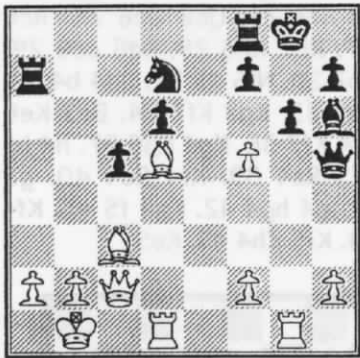
93...Kh6 94. Rd8 Rxb7+ 95. Kg8 Rg7+ 96. Kf8 Kh7 97. Ke8 Rg8+ 98. Ke7 Rxd8 99. Kxd8 **Draw.**

McBroom 1718 Nowak 2198
Five-Valleys Freeze-Out
1/14/96 Round 3
King's Indian Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 a6 3. d3 Nc6 4. g3 d6 5. Bg2 Bg4 6. O-O Qd7 7. Nbd2 g6 8. Nc4 Rb8 9. Nb6 Qd8 10. Nd5 Bg7 11. Ne3 Bf3 12. Bf3 Nf6 13. c3 O-O 14. Bg2 e6 15. Ng4 Ng4 16. Qg4 b5 17. Rb1 b4 18. c4 Nd4 19. b3 f5 20. ef5 gf5 21. Qh5 Qf6 22. Bg5 Qg6 23. Qg6 hg6 24. Be7 Rfc8 25. Bd6 Rb6 26. Be7 Kf7 27. Bg5 Ne2 28. Kh1 Nc3 29. Rb2 →

Thompson - Z. Mayer, continued

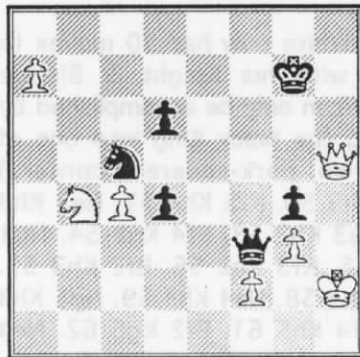
13...Qxe6 14. Bc4 Qg4 15. Bc3 Qg2
16. O-O-O Bh6 17. Kb1 O-O 18. Bd5
Ra7 19. Nh4 Qg4 20. Nf5 Bf5 21.
ef5 Nd7 22. Rhg1 Qh5



23. fxg6 Ne5?? (a move that could
make an onion cry) 24. gxf7+ Kh8
25. Rg8+ (and Black's future is
history) **Black Resigns.**

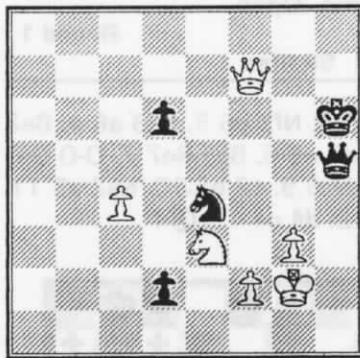
Moore 1656 Kuba 1917
Midwinter Open
2/3/96 Round 3
Nimzowitsch Attack

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. b3 d6 3. Bb2 e5 4. d3
Be7 5. g3 O-O 6. Bg2 Bg4 7. Nbd2
c6 8. e4 h6 9. h3 Be6 10. O-O c5
11. Qe2 Nc6 12. a3 b5 13. Kh2 a6
14. Ng1 Rc8 15. c4 Rb8 16. Rab1
bc4 17. bc4 a5 18. Bc3 Qc7 19.
Ngf3 Nd7 20. Qd1 Rb1 21. Qb1 Rb8
22. Qc2 Bd8 23. Rb1 Qa7 24. Rb8
Ndb8 25. h4 a4 26. Bh3 Bh3 27. Kh3
Ba5 28. Nb1 Qd7 29. Kg2 Nd4 30.
Nd4 Bc3 31. Nc3 cd4 32. Na4 f5 33.
ef5 Qf5 34. Nb6 Nd7 35. Nd5 Kh7
36. a4 Nc5 37. Nb4 g5 38. hg5 hg5
39. a5 g4 40. Qe2 e4 41. de4 Ne4
42. a6 Nc5 43. Qe7 Kg8 44. Qe8
Kg7 45. Qe7 Kg8 46. a7 Qf3 47. Kg1
Qd1 48. Kh2 Qf3 49. Qg5 Kh7 50.
Qh5 Kg7



51. Qxg4+! (Is it hot in here, or is
it just Sherwood?)

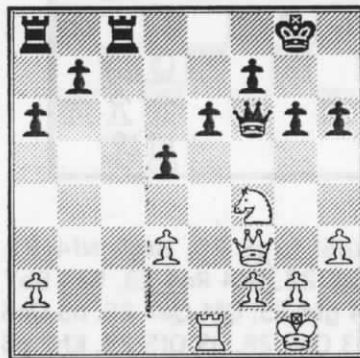
51...Qxg4 52. a8=Q Ne4 53. Qb7+
Kh6 54. Qf7 Qe2 55. Kg2 d3 56.
Nd5 d2 57. Ne3 Qh5



58. Nf5+ Kg5 59. f4+ **Black
Resigns.**

McCourt 1727 Erickson 1756
UCCC 3rd Winter Open
2/15/96 Round 3
Modern Defense

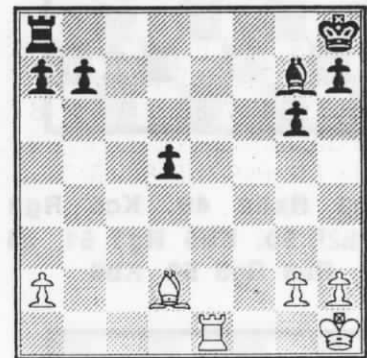
1. e4 g6 2. d4 c6 3. Nc3 d5 4. ed5
cd5 5. Bb5 Bd7 6. Qe2 a6 7. Bd3
Nc6 8. Nf3 Bg4 9. Be3 Bg7 10. h3
Bf3 11. Qf3 e6 12. Ne2 Nb4 13. O-O
Nd3 14. cd3 Ne7 15. Bg5 h6 16. Bf4
Nc6 17. Qe3 Qb6 18. Qg3 O-O 19.
Bd6 Rfc8 20. Be5 Ne5 21. de5 Qb2
22. Rfe1 Qe5 23. Nf4 Qg5 24. Qf3
Ba1 25. Ra1 Qf6 26. Re1



26...g5 27. Qg3 Qxf4 **White
Resigns.**

Jensen 2030 Ammond 1540
Valentine Open
2/17/96 Round 1
Queen's Pawn Opening
Annotations by Jan Johansson

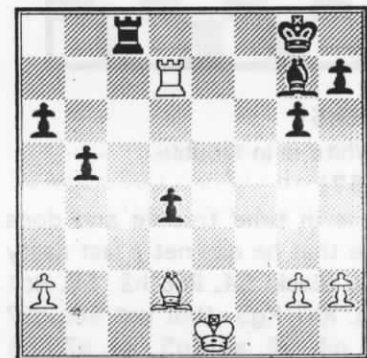
1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Bg4!? 3. Ne5
Bf5 4. c4 c6 5. Nc3 e6 6. e3
Nd7 7. Bd3? Ne5 8. de5 Bd3
9. Qd3 Qg5! 10. O-O Qe5 11.
cd5 ed5 12. f4 Qc7 13. Qf5
g6 (13...Qd7) 14. Qh3 Bg7 15.
e4 de4 16. Ne4 Nf6 17. Nf6
Bf6 18. Re1 Be7 19. f5? (19.
Qh4!) O-O 20. Bh6 Rfe8 21.
Qc3 Bf8 22. Qh3 Qb6 23. Kh1
Qb2 24. fg6 fg6 25. Reb1
Qe5 26. Qb3 Kh8 27. Bd2
Bg7 28. Re1 Qd5 29. Qd5 cd5
30. Rab1 Rxe1 31. Rxe1



31...a6

31...Bf6 to keep the white Rook
out.

32. Re7! b5 33. Rd7 d4 34.
Kg1 Kg8 35. Kf2 Rc8 36. Ke1



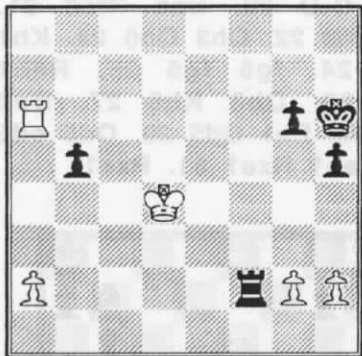
36...Re8?

36...Rc2! Black is two Pawns up
and he can easily win by
activating his Rook.

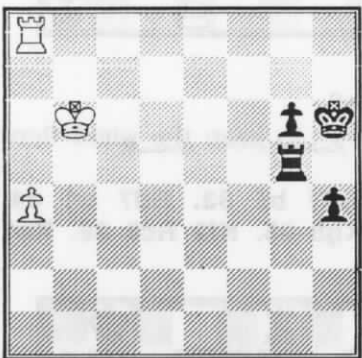
37. Kd1 Re6 38. Bb4 h5 39.
Bc5 Bf8 40. Rd8 Rf6 41.
Kd2 Rf2 42. Kd3 Rf4 43.
Ra8 Rf2 44. Kd4 Kg7 45.
Ra7 Kh6 46. Bf8 Rf8 47.
Ra6 Rf2

At this point or a little later,

Black offered White a draw, which he declined. At this point I thought that Black might have to be satisfied with a draw, despite [being] slightly better. But White is playing for a win...



48. g3 Rxh2 49. Kc5 Rg2 (49...Rb2!) 50. Kb5 Rg3 51. a4 h4 52. Ra8 Rg5 53. Kb6



53...Rh5!

Now White is in trouble.

54. a5?!

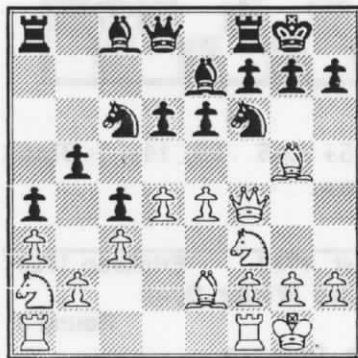
White is in time trouble and does not see that he can net a last nasty trap for Black: 54. Rc8 h3 55. Rc1 h2 56. Rh1 Kg5 (but not 56...g5? 57. a5 g4 58. a6 Kg5 59. a7 Rh8 because of 60. Rxh2!! and White wins) 57. a5 Kg4 58. a6 Kg3 59. a7 Rh8 and Black wins.

54...h3 55. a6 h2 56. a7 h1=Q 57. Rh8+ Kg7 58. a8=Q Rxh8 59. Qa7+ Kh6 60. Qe7 Rb8+ 61. Kc5 Qc1+ 62. Kd5 Rb5+? (62...Qg5+ wins immediately) 63. Kd4 Qc5+? (63...Qf4+ 64. Kd3 Rb3+ and so on, mating) 64. Qxc5 Rxc5 65. Kxc5 Kg5 and Black queened his g Pawn and won. A very exciting

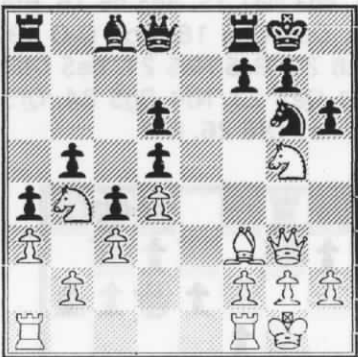
game, both for the players and all who watched it.

Furdell 1355 Brennan 1821
Valentine Open Round 1
2/17/96 Closed Sicilian

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Nc3 a6 4. Be2 Nf6 5. d3 e6 6. Bg5 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. a3 b5-10. Na2 a5 11. c3 a4 12. d4 c4 13. Qf4



13...Nd5?? 14. exd5 Bxg5 15. Nxc5 exd5 16. Bf3 Ne7 17. Nb4 Ng6 18. Qg3 h6

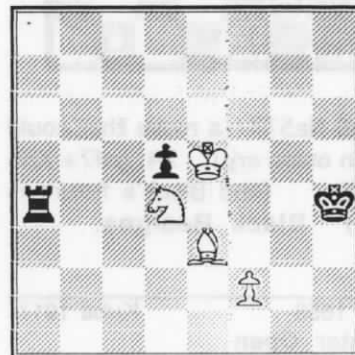


19. Bxd5! hxg5 20. Bxa8 Nf4 21. Rfe1 Re8 22. Be4 Re4 23. Re4 Bb7 24. Rf4 gf4 25. Qf4 Qe7 26. h3 Qe6 27. Qe3 Qg6 28. g3 Qf5 29. Kh2 g6 30. Qf4 Qe6 31. Qe3 Qf5 32. Qf4 Draw Agreed.

Long 1777 Bailey 1662
Valentine Open Round 3
2/18/96 Göring Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. c3 dc3 5. Bc4 d5 6. Bd5 cb2 7. Bb2 Be6 8. O-O Qd7 9. Na3 f6 10. Rc1

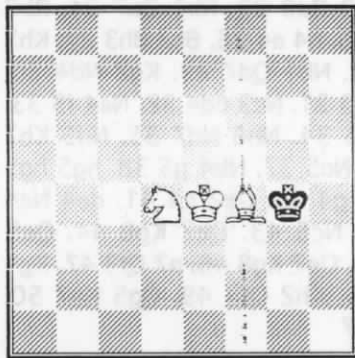
10...Bd6 11. Nb5 Nge7 12. Nd6 Qd6 13. Be6 Qe6 14. Qa4 O-O 15. Rfe1 a6 16. a3 b5 17. Qc2 Rac8 18. e5 Qg4 19. ef6 gf6 20. Re6 Qg7 21. Rc6 Nc6 22. Qc6 Rcd8 23. Qa6 Qd7 24. h3 Rf7 25. Qc6 Qc6 26. Rc6 Rd1 27. Kh2 Rd6 28. Rd6 cd6 29. Nd4 Rb7 30. Nf5 d5 31. Bd4 b4 32. ab4 Rb4 33. Kg3 Kf7 34. Be3 Ke6 35. Nd4 Kf7 36. Kg4 Kg6 37. h4 h5 38. Kf3 Ra4 39. Kf4 Rc4 40. g3 Ra4 41. g4 hg4 42. Kg4 f5 43. Kf4 Kh5 44. Kf5 Kh4 45. Ke5



45...Ra1

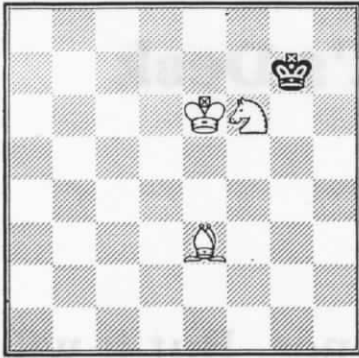
(Black has a diabolical plan - Banking on the gamble that White doesn't know how to mate with a Knight and Bishop, he sends his Rook on a suicide mission)

46. Kxd5 Rf1 47. Ke4 Kg4 48. f4 Rxf4 49. Bxf4

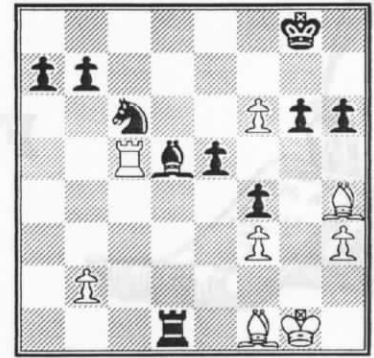
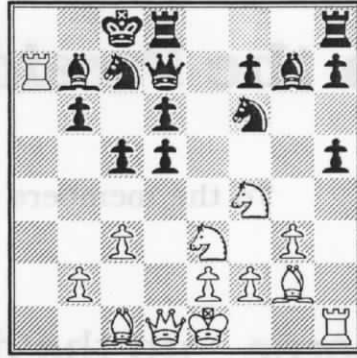


Okay, White now has 50 moves to mate with his Knight & Bishop (which can only be accomplished by forcing the black King into one of the two dark-squared corners) 49...Kh5 50. Kf5 Kh4 51. Ne2 Kh3 52. Be3 Kh2 53. Kf4 Kg2 54. Ng3 Kh3 55. Kf3 Kh2 56. Bf2 Kh3 57. Bg1 Kh4 58. Ne4 Kh3 59. Ng5 Kh4 60. Kf4 Kh5 61. Bf2 Kg6 62. Ne4 Kh5 63. Nf6 Kh6 64. Kf5 Kg7

65. Ke6 Kg6 66. Be3 Kg7



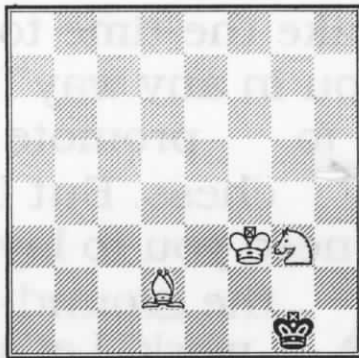
14. ab6 ab6 15. Ra7 ed5 16. Ne3



67. Nd5

(and Black starts to get loose)

67...Kg6 68. Bf4 Kh5 69. Kf5 Kh4
70. Be3 Kg3 71. Ke4 Kg2 72. Nc3
Kg3 73. Nd1 Kg2 74. Nc3 Kg3 75.
Ne2 Kg2 76. Kf4 Kf1 77. Kf3 Ke1
78. Nc3 Kf1 79. Bd2 Kg1 80. Ne4
Kf1 81. Ng3 Kg1



(White now starts to re-direct the
black King in the right direction, but
he only has till move 99 to mate)

82. Be3+ Kh2 83. Bf2 Kh3 84. Bg1
Kh4 85. Ne4 Kh3 86. Ng5 Kh4 87.
Kf4 Kh5 88. Kf5 Kh4 89. Bf2 Kh5
90. Ne6 Kh6 91. Bg3 Kh5 92. Ng7
Kh6 93. Kf6 Kh7 94. Bf4 Kg8 95.
Ne6 Kh7 96. Kf7 Kh8 97. Bg5 Kh7
98. Nf8 Kh8 99. Bf6 **Mate!**

Thanks for the lesson, Michael!

Nowak 2175 Johansson 2077
Valentine Open
2/18/96 Round 3
Benko Opening

1. g3 g6 2. Bg2 Bg7 3. d4 c5 4. d5
d6 5. a4 b6 6. Nh3 Bb7 7. Nf4 Nf6
8. h4 Na6 9. h5 gh5 10. c3 Nc7 11.
Na3 Qd7 12. Nc2 O-O-O 13. a5 e6

16...Kb8

White sees something...

17. Rxb7+!! Kxb7 18. Nxd5 Ncxd5
19. Nxd5 Nxd5 20. Qxd5+ Ka6 21.
Qa2+ (Welcome to my parlor!) Kb5
22. c4+ Kb4 23. Bd2+ Bc3 24.
Bxc3 **Mate.**

Carpenter 1864 Nowak 2175
Valentine Open
2/18/96 Round 4
Janowski Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 h6 3. c4 d6 4. g3
Bf5 5. Bg2 Qc8 6. O-O Bh3 7. Nc3
Bg2 8. Kg2 Nbd7 9. d5 Ne5 10. Ne5
de5 11. e4 g5 12. f4 gf4 13. Bf4
ef4 14. e5 Ng4 15. Kh1 Ne5 16. Qh5
Bg7 17. gf4 Qg4 Arivederci Romiel!
White Resigns.

Martin 1632 Jensen 2030
Valentine Open
2/18/96 Round 4
King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 g6 2. g3 Bg7 3. Bg2 e5 4. d3
d5 5. O-O Ne7 6. Nbd2 O-O 7. e4 c6
8. ed5 cd5 9. Re1 Nbc6 10. Nb3 Bg4
11. h3 Bf5 12. g4 Bc8 13. Rb1 Qd6
14. Bg5 Bd7 15. Bh4 f5 16. g5 f4
17. c4 Rad8 18. cd5 Nd5 19. Nfd2
Bf5 20. Ne4 Qb4 21. a3 Qb6 22. Qc2
Be6 23. Nbc5 Bf7 24. Nf6 Nf6 25.
gf6 Bh6 26. Ne4 Nd4 27. Qc3 Rc8
28. Qb4 Qb4 29. ab4 Nc2 30. Rec1
Nb4 31. Rc3 Rfd8 32. Rbc1 Rc3 33.
Rc3 Nc6 34. Bg5 Bf8 35. Bh4 Bb4
36. Rc1 h6 37. f3 Rd3 38. Nc5 Bc5
39. Rc5 Bd5 40. Bf1 Rd1
(diagram)

41. Rxd5! Rxd5 42. Bc4 Nb4 43.
Be1 Kh7 44. Bxb4 **Draw Agreed.**



March 30, 1996

Java Hut

103 E Main, Missoula, MT

5 Round Swiss

(non-rated)

No Membership Required

Time Control: G/30

No "Insufficient Losing Chances"

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TD: Sherwood Moore

Entries/Info: Gregory Nowak

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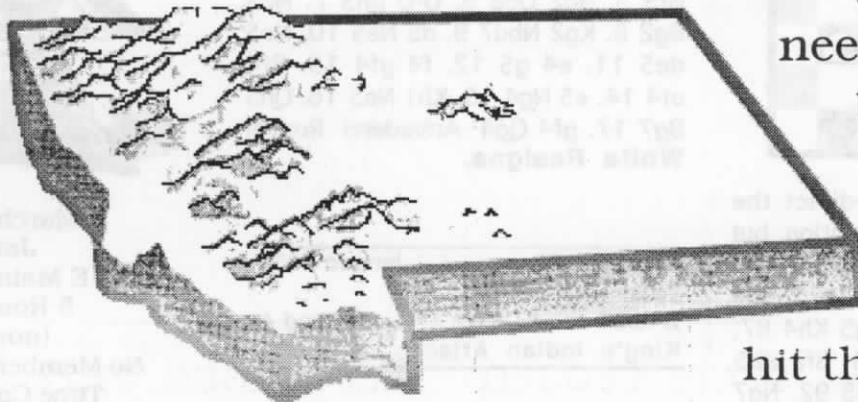
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From the President's Desk

To the members of MCA:

An old joke: An Airborne Ranger jumps from his airplane with his parachute on. "That's good!" His chute doesn't open. "That's bad!" He sees he can land in a haystack. "That's good!" But he sees the haystack has a pitchfork sticking up in the haystack. "That's bad!" But he missed the pitchfork. "That's good!" But he missed the haystack also. "Oooh, that's bad!"



up the difference. But it will take your help.

I know you're busy. So am I. I have a wife, three children, church and business commitments, however, I will make the time to help you in any way I can, to promote chess. But I need you to lay the groundwork. Let's miss the pitch-fork, but let's hit the haystack!

*Respectfully Yours,
Sherwood Moore*

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Rm. 362, Social Science Building, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59801. Round Robin format. EF: \$8 Juniors \$4. Time control: G/15. \$\$ b/entries Reg. 10:00-10:30am 3/16. Rounds: Depending on number of entries. NS, NC, W Advance registration or info: Dan McCourt, 608 West Central, Missoula, MT 59801 (406) 721-0254

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Rm. 362, Social Science Building, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59801. 4 Round Swiss. Time control: 30/90, SD/60. EF: \$15 if by 4/18, \$20 at site. Reg. 9:00-9:30am 4/20. Rounds: 10:00am, 5:00pm. \$\$ 205: \$100 - \$50, <1900 \$20, <1700 \$10, Biggest Upset \$25 (both players must have nonprovisional ratings). MCA membership req. OSA. NS, NC, W Advance registration or info: Don Gisselbeck, 10455 Point Six Rd., Missoula, MT 59802. (406) 549-4426 Full refund if cancellation called to (406) 243-2843 before 4/19, 6:00pm. No Phone Entries.

61ST MONTANA STATE OPEN



AN MCA GRAND PRIX EVENT



MAY 18,19 1996

Jorgensen's Motel, 1714 11th Ave., Helena, MT 59601. 5 Round Swiss. EF: \$20 if rec. by 5/15, \$25 at site. Juniors \$10 (\$12.50). Time control: 30/90, SD/1. Reg. 8:00-8:45am 5/18. Rounds: 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:30am, 3:00pm. Prizes: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Top A, B, C, D, Senior (over age 50). NS, NC, W MCA Business meeting to be held Sunday morning at 8:30am (5/19). Advance registration or info: Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota, Missoula, MT 59802. (406) 728-4621.

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There will be a satellite open tournament held in conjunction with the Closed. The only details available at press time are that the satellite will have time control of G/2, registration will be from 8:00am to 9:00am Saturday and it will be a five round Swiss. This event will, of course, also be held at the War Bonnet Inn.

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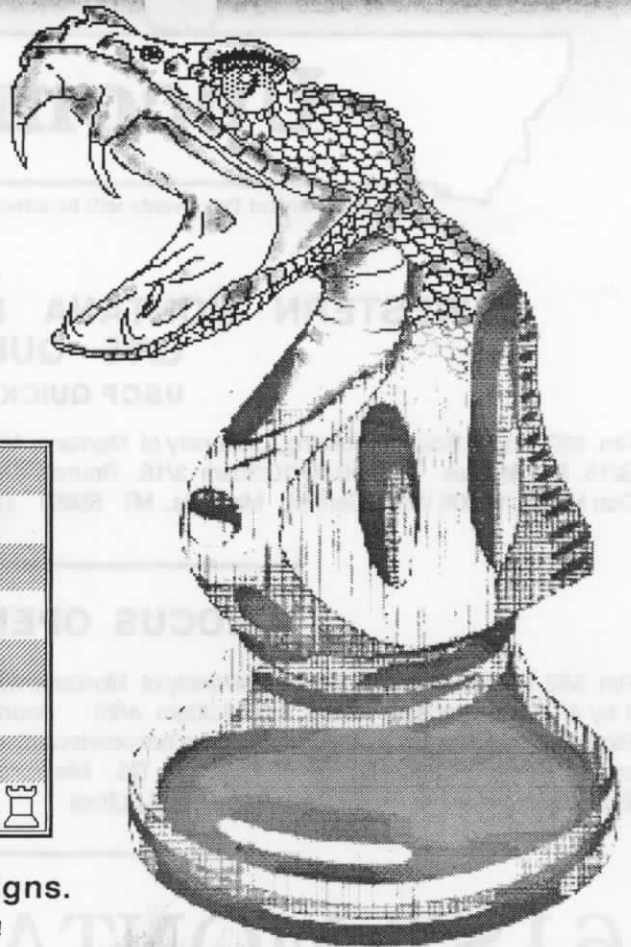
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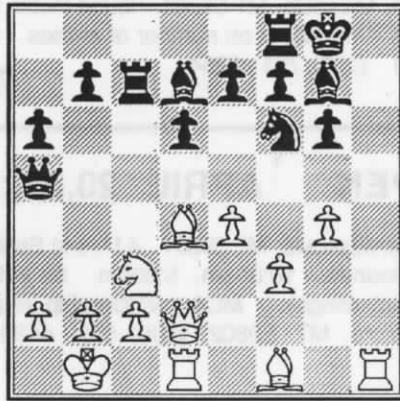
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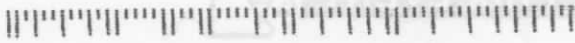
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 '95-'96 Montana Postal
 Sicilian Dragon



1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. Nf3
 d6! 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6
 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 O-O 8.
 Qd2 Nc6 9. g4 Bd7 10. O-
 O-O a6 11. h4 Rc8 12. h5
 Qa5 13. Kb1 Nxd4 14. Bxd4
 Rc7 15. hxg6 hxg6 →

16. Nd5 !! **Black Resigns.**

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