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Hello again!

Let me start off by saying thank-you to the many of you who took the time to write me with your input regarding your newsletter. Some of you even graciously offered your assistance! My philosophy is, "the more people that we can get involved with this newsletter, the better it will be". Steve Scarff thought that it would be nice if we compiled a list of MCA members with email addresses, so how about it? If you would not mind being on just such a list, then email me at: martinez@montana.com I will compile the list and then include it in an upcoming MCA newsletter. Love it or Hate it, the Internet is here to stay. Personally, I enjoy how easy it is to keep in touch with others of like interest all over the world! It has also made it possible for those of you who have computers and Internet accounts to easily contribute to this newsletter. Les Brennan and I have been discussing the playing of a MCA Chess tournament via the Internet, and I believe that it is a great idea! Just imagine playing against an opponent who you usually only see when you get a chance to travel to an out of town tournament, and doing it from the comfort of your own home! This is a luxury that those of us on the Internet enjoy. If you have access to a computer and the Internet, let me encourage you to see what is our there. I have personally played a Russian attending school in Moscow, as well as playing a game with Yasser Sierwan! (Who soundly thrashed me!) While it will never take the place of over-the-board chess, nor would we wish it to, it is a nice tool for those of us who do not get the opportunity to travel as much as we would like to be able to. What do you think?

Michael Martinez editor.

The Free Internet Chess Server, FICS

by Les Brennan

Have You Heard About FICS? When I got off work this morning at 5:30am, I decided to play a couple games of chess before going to bed. So I got on the computer and logged on to the Free Internet Chess Server (FICS). I typed in the command to see who was there, but not engaged in a game. About thirty names popped up. There were about ten players that had Internet ratings close to mine and I picked one out at random and typed a challenge to that person. In about four seconds, a chessboard popped up on the screen, indicating that my challenge had been accepted. My clock was ticking too. So I grabbed the King Pawn with my mouse and slid it up to e4, where it belonged. There was then a click, and my opponent's clock started clicking, his move. Our game was under way. I typed, "Where are you from"? The reply came back "Lithuania". I typed "Whoa"! I told my opponent that I live in Montana, and we played and talked. I've played people from Thailand, Sweden, Canada, Mexico and many other exciting far away places, and all this for free on the Internet.

A popular time control on the Internet is 2-12, meaning that each side has two minutes for the game, but with twelve seconds added for

each move. Yes, it's blitz chess, but it's a little less wild than you might think. These games can last twenty minutes because of the accumulated time. You can start out with two minutes and end up with two minutes after forty moves. It's good opening practice, and you learn lots of tricks and traps. You can go back over the game and analyze with your opponent, too.

After beating the Lithuanian player (my first move was a killer), I checked the roster again, and soon found myself playing someone else. And so it goes, any time I want a game.

Sound like fun? Here's how to get started.

1. Visit the Internet Chess Library homepage at http://chess.onenet.net/chess/
2. When in the Internet homepage, click on "Internet Chess Servers"
3. Then Click on "free U.S. server"

You will be welcomed to FICS. When there, type in a "handle". My handle is "Colstrip". If you choose a handle that nobody has already chosen, You will be asked for your e-mail address. This is so the server can send you a secret code you will always use when logging in. This will ensure that nobody else can use your handle.

You will also be sent instructions on how to download software that will give you a nice graphical chess board to use when playing opponents. Until you get the

interface software, you can play on a black and white "notation" board by typing in your moves in algebraic notation, such as e4, c5, etc.

You can ask questions on line by typing, "shout (whatever)" , e,g, "shout How can I get an interface program?" Or, you can e-mail me at leslie@mcn.net

I hope to play you OTI (over the Internet) very soon. Let me know what your handle is, and I'll look for you.

Top Ten Reasons Why I Lost My Last Chess Game

by Michael Martinez

#10 I fell asleep while waiting for my opponent to move and lost on time.

#9 I forgot my lucky pencil.

#8 During adjournment, my opponent, Alexi Kasparov phoned his uncle.

#7 I should not have chosen the Petrosian-Tal variation of the Bird Counter Attack against d4.

#6 I stayed up too late last night watching "Searching for Bobby Fischer", seeking inspiration.

#5 During the game, Paul Motta kept crushing beer cans whenever he looked at me.

#4 I mistakenly referred to my knight as "horsey", and the ensuing laughter broke my concentration.

#3 I was afraid of what Greg would do if I evoked the Insufficient losing chances rule.

#2 My attempt to psyche out my opponent by sacrificing my Queen backfired.

#1 Two words........ The Grob!

A Wild Grünfeld
by Jim Loy

This story is true. It is about a wild game that was played over and over again (dozens, maybe hundreds of times) from 1962 to 1964. During those years, it was illegal to agree to a draw in under 30 moves. This was done to prevent grandmaster draws. But grandmasters wouldn't be grandmasters without grandmaster draws. They need their rest, especially while playing. In fact, my spelling checker suggests that they should be called "grandmothers." Then their draws could be called "grandmother draws." Incidentally, I suspect that the most common injury in chess is getting a king stuck in your eye while dozing off. Checkers pieces are much safer in this regard. But I digress, did you notice?

Grandmasters came up with gems like this game:

Reshevsky-Bronstein, Amsterdam 1964 1d4 e6 2 Nf3 c5 3 g3 cxd4 4 Nxd4 d5 5 Bg2 Nf6 6 0-0 Bc5 7 c4 0-0 8 cxd5 Nxd5 9 Nb3 Be7 10 Bd2 Nc6 11 Nc3 Bf6 12 Rc1 a4 13 Nc5 Bd4 14 Nb3 Bf6 15 Nc5 Bd4 16 Nb3 draw (Zzzzzz).
A very popular way to draw was with

the following wild Grünfeld Defense. This may be the most often played complete game in chess history. Here's the original, which everyone copied:

Vaughan(Vaugham in some publications)-Purdy, Correspondence 1945 1d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 (Grünfeld Defense) 4 Bf4 Bg7 5 e3 c5 (This was the clue that Black was interested in a draw) 6 dxc5 Qa5 7 cxd5 (7 Rc1 or 7 Qb3 are just fine) 7...Nxd5!! 8 Qxd5 Bxc3+ 9 bxc3 Qxc3+ 10 Ke2 Qxa1 11 Be5 (regains the rook) 11...Qc1 12 Bxh8 Be6 13 Qxb7 (13 Qe4 Bc4+ leads to a longer draw) 13...Qc2+ 14 Kf3 (14 Ke1 Qc1+) 14...Qf5+ 15 Ke2 Qc2+ draw

Now that's pretty good stuff. But all those top drawers failed to realize that Black had a near-winning position, back a few moves. Instead of 11... Qc1, A. W. Rawie came up with 11...Qb1!, and White is in some trouble: 12 Bxh8 Be6 13 Qd3 (13 Qd4? Nc6 Black strong?) 13...Qxa2+ 14 Kf3 f6! (threatens ...Kf7)15 Bg7 Nc6 16 Kg3 Rd8 17 Qe4 (17 Qe2 Qb8 Black queens the a-pawn!) 17 ...Rd2!? is suggested by Uhlmann in ECO. Anyway this line is avoided by White nowadays.

Polson Chess Tournament

Congratulations to Greg Nowak for organizing Polson's first known chess tournament. Greg has been pioneering the holding of non rated

chess tournaments for the last several years. He uses this forum as a way to draw people into the game that can not normally afford the expense of a USCF membership. He is also helping to introduce the community to the Montana Chess Association by awarding MCA memberships as part of the prize fund. The event is somewhat unique in that it is being sponsored by several businesses. This sponsorship is providing an interesting prize fund, which you do not want to miss out on. For more information about the event, see the tournament announcement section of this newsletter. This event may not have been possible without the help of the following businesses:
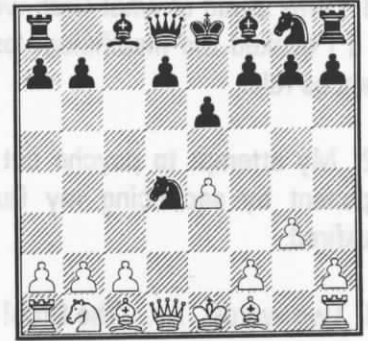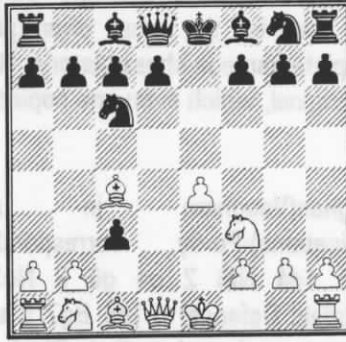
Make sure to support these businesses as a way of saying thank-you for supporting Chess in Montana! Perhaps a sponsored State Championship would be possible if we were able to create PR value to Montana businesses.
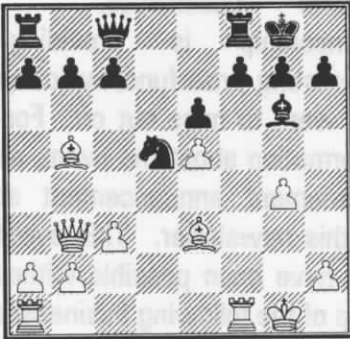
Motta, Paul - Duke, David
95-96 Postal Game

1. d4 ♘f6 2. ♘c3 d5 3. e4 ♘e4
4. ♘e4 de4 5. ♗c4 ♗f5 6. c3 e6
7. g4 ♗g6 8. ♕b3 ♕c8 9. f4 ef3
10. ♘f3 ♗d6 11. ♗e3 0-0 12.
0-0 ♘c6 13. ♗b5 ♘e7 14. ♗e5
♗e5 15. de5 ♘d5

16. ♗c5 ♖d8 17. ♖ad1

Because of the time
problem, we opted for a
draw. It was still a
pretty tough and even
game, however.
½:½

Long, Michael - Mayer, Zygmond
95-96 Postal Game

1. e4 e5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. d4 ed4
4. c3 dc3 5. ♗c4

5... cb2 6. ♗b2 ♗b4+ 7. ♘bd2
♘f6 8. 0-0 0-0 9. e5 d5 10. ef6
dc4 11. fg7 ♖e8 12. ♘c4 ♕d1
13. ♖fd1 ♗g4 14. ♘ce5 ♗f3
15. gf3 ♗d6 16. ♘g4 ♖e6 17.
♖d5 ♗e7 18. ♖ad1 f6 19. ♖b5
♖d8 20. ♖d8+ ♘d8 21. ♖d5
♘f7 22. ♖d7 ♗d8 23. ♘h6+
♔h6 24. ♖d8+ ♔f7

25. ♗a3 ♖c6 26. ♖d7+ ♔g8
27. ♗b4 ♘f7 28. ♗d2 ♖d6
0:1

Long, Michael - Preston
95-96 Postal Game

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 e6 3. d4 cd4 4.
♘d4 ♘c6 5. g3 ♘d4

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6. ♕d4 d5 7. ed5 ♕d5 8. ♕d5
ed5 9. ♗g2 ♘f6 10. 0-0 ♗c5
11. ♖e1+ ♗e6 12. ♘c3 0-0 13.
h3 ♖ac8 14. ♗g5 ♗d4 15. ♗d2
♘h5 16. ♔f1 ♘f6 17. ♖ab1
♗f5 18. ♖bc1 ♖fe8 19. ♖e8+
♖e8 20. ♘d1 ♗e5 21. g4 ♗d7
22. c3 ♗b5+ 23. ♔g1 ♗b8 24.
♘e3 ♗e4 25. ♖d1

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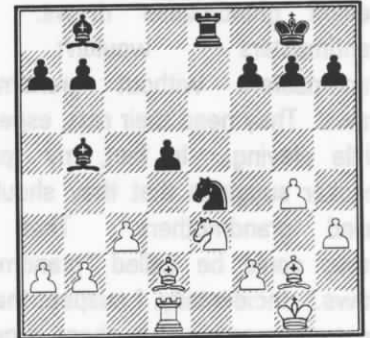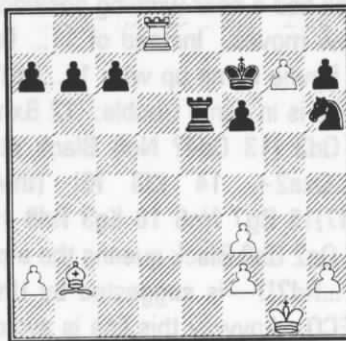0-0 ♘c6 13. ♗b5 ♘e7 14. ♘e5
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13. ♖fd1 ♗g4 14. ♘ce5 ♗f3
15. gf3 ♗d6 16. ♘g4 ♖e6 17.
♖d5 ♗e7 18. ♖ad1 f6 19. ♖b5
♖d8 20. ♖d8+ ♘d8 21. ♖d5
♘f7 22. ♖d7 ♗d8 23. ♘h6+
♘h6 24. ♖d8+ ♔f7

6. ♕d4 d5 7. ed5 ♕d5 8. ♕d5
ed5 9. ♗g2 ♘f6 10. 0-0 ♗c5
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Long, Michael -
Mayer, Zygmond
95-96 Postal Game

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4. c3 dc3 5. ♗c4

Long, Michael - Preston
95-96 Postal Game

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 e6 3. d4 cd4 4.
♘d4 ♘c6 5. g3 ♘d4

**Mayer, Zygmond -
Fabian, Steve
Midsummer Open**

1. g4 d5 2. ♗g2 c6 3. h3 ♘d7
4. d4 e6 5. ♘c3 ♗b4 6. ♗d2
♘e7 7. ♘f3 ♗a5

31. ♔f1
The only move.

**31... ♘e6 32. ♘e2 h6 33. ♖d1
♖d8**

8. h4 c5 9. h5 b5 10. dc5 ♘c5
11. a3 ♘e4 12. ♘e4 de4 13.
♗a5 ♕a5+ 14. b4 ♕b6 15.
♘g5 ♗b7 16. h6 e3 17. ♘e4
ef2+ 18. ♔f1 ♖d8 19. hg7
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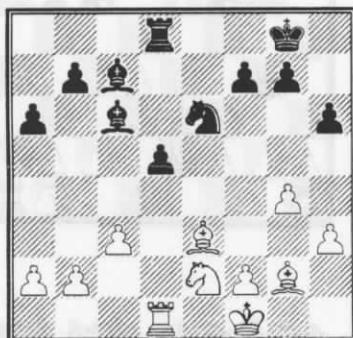
34. f4
Black had to prepare
this with 33. Rd1, to
pull Black's Rook off
the now unprotected
Bishop at e3.

40. ♘f5
Now the check at g7 is
lethal.

40... ♘g6 41. ♗h5 ♗e8

**34... g6 35. ♔f2 f5 36. gf5 gf5
37. ♖g1**
This Rooks destiny is
to overpower the g-
file.

42. ♗d4
This move locks up the
Black King.

22. ♘d6+ ♔e7 23. ♗b7 ♔f6
24. ♖h7 ♘g6 25. ♖f7+ ♔g5
1:0

**37... ♔h7 38. ♗f3 ♗b5 39.
♘d4 ♘f8**

42... ♗f4 43. ♗g6+
And Black resigns. If
the Black Bishop
retakes, the Night
playes to e7 & there
are no answers... (ie)
44... Bf7 45 Rg7+ Kh8
46 RxB mate. A Quality
game by both players!
1:0

**Nowak, Greg - Gertler, Dave
Midsummer Open**

1. g3 d5 2. ♘f3 g6 3. c4 c6 4.
♕a4 ♘d7 5. cd5 cd5 6. d4 ♘f6
7. ♗g2 ♗g7 8. 0-0 0-0 9. ♗f4

♞e4
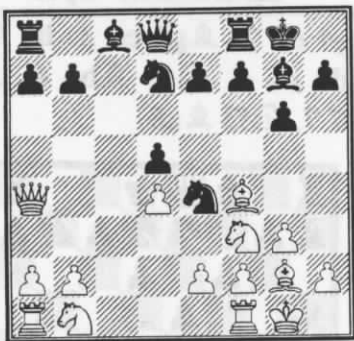
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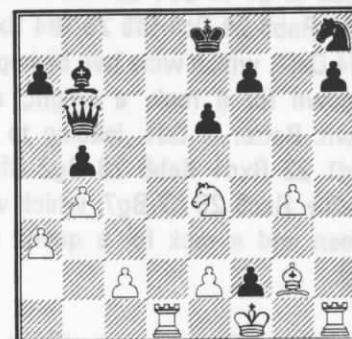
Isolates White's pawn at d4. Black wins a pawn.

20. ♗f1 ♛f3 **21.** ♖e1

Leads to 21 ... Be4 22 Rxe4 dxe4 23 Qxb7 Rab8 24 Qc6 Qf5 25 Nf4 Bxf4 26 gxf4 Qxf4, which wins two bishops and a pawn for a rook, a knight, and a pawn. Better is Qd1, leading to 21 ... Qxd1 22 Rxd1 Rab8 23 Bg2 Rfc8 24 Rxc8+ Rxc8 25 h3 Bg7, which wins a queen and a rook for a queen and a rook.

♗e4 **22.** ♖e4 de4 **23.** ♛b7 ♛d1 **24.** ♞e5

Hangs the pawn at d4. Leads to 24 ... dxe5 25 dxe5 e3 26 Rc2 Ng4 27 f4 Bg7, which wins a pawn for a knight. Better is Rxf7, leading to 24 ... Rxf7 25 Qxa8+ Rf8 26 Qxa6 exd3 27 Qxd3 Qe1 28 Nc4 Nd5, which wins a rook and three pawns for a rook and a knight.

de5 **25.** de5 e3

26. fe3

Isolates own pawn at e5 and own pawn at e3. Leads to 26 ... Bxe3+ 27 Kg2 Nd5 28 Rc4 Rab8 29 Qc6 Rxb2+ 30 Nc2 Nf4+ 31 Rxf4 Bxf4, which wins a knight and a pawn for a rook and two pawns. Better is Kg2, leading to 26 ... Rfb8 27 Qc6 Ne8 28 Qd7 Qxd7 29 Rxd7 Rxb2, which wins a queen for a queen and a pawn.

♗e3+ **27.** ♚g2 ♖ab8 **28.** ♛f3 ♖b2+ **29.** ♚h3

White gives Black a forced mate opportunity. Much better is Rc2. Kh3 leads to 29 ... Qxf3 30 Be2 Rxe2 31 Rc4 Qg2+ 32 Kh4 Qxh2++ and mate.

♛f3

Black circles in for the kill with a mate in 3. Threatens to mate (queen to h5), pins White's pawn at g3, protects Black's bishop, and threatens White's bishop. Leads to 30 Be2 Rxe2 31 Rc4 Qg2+ 32 Kh4 Qxh2++ and mate.

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Mayer, Eriel - Fewel, Nathan
Midsummer Open

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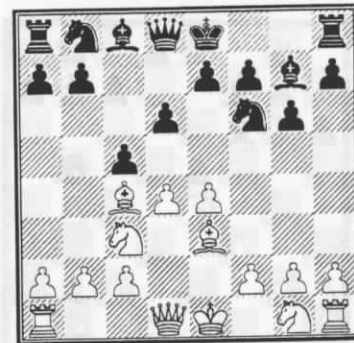
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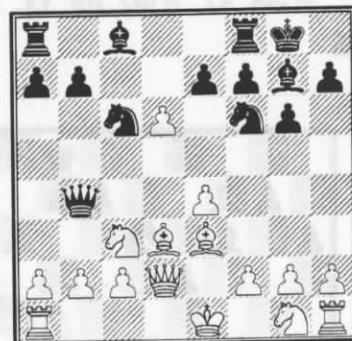
10. de7 ♞e7 **11.** ♗h6 ♗h6 **12.** ♛h6 ♛b2   **0:1**

Gertler, Dave - Jensen, Carl
Midsummer Open

(Annotations computer generated)

1. e4 c6 **2.** c4 d5 **3.** cd5 cd5 **4.** ed5 ♛d5 **5.** ♞c3

5... ♕d6 6. d4 ♘f6 7. ♗c4 ♘bd7 8. ♘f3 a6 9. 0-0 b5 10. ♗b3 ♗b7 11. ♘g5 e6 12. ♖e1 ♘d5
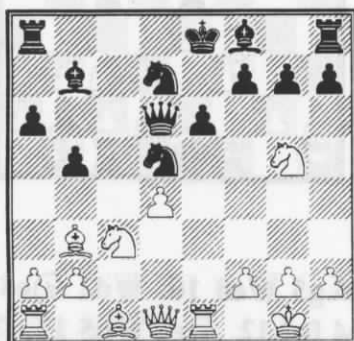
13. ♕h5 g6 14. ♕f3 ♘c3
(Yikes! Hangs the bishop at b7 and pins own bishop at b7. Leads to 15. Qxf7+ Kd8 16. Nxe6+ Qxe6 17. Bxe6 Be7 18. Bg5 Nd5 19. Bxd5 Bxg5 20. Bxb7, which wins a bishop and two knights for a queen, a bishop, a knight, ant two pawns. Much better is N5f6, leading to 15 Qxb7 Rb8 16. Qa7 Be7 17. Nf3, which loses a bishop.)

15. ♕f7+ ♔d8 16. ♘e6+ 1:0

**Yonker, Jeremy - Shughart, Dave
Midsummer Open**

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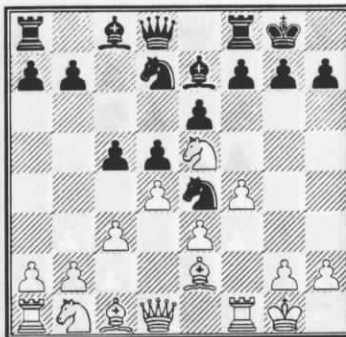
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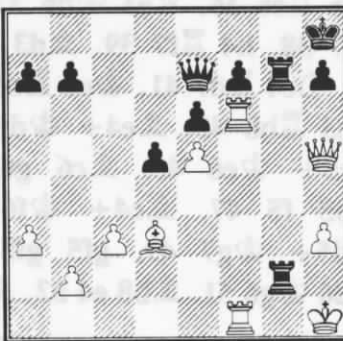
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**Fewel, Nathan - Nowak Greg
Midsummer Open**

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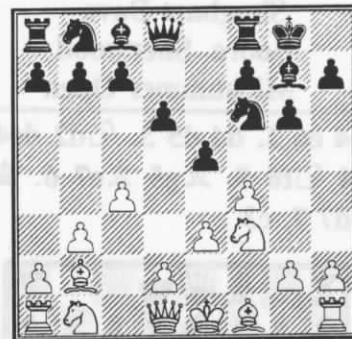
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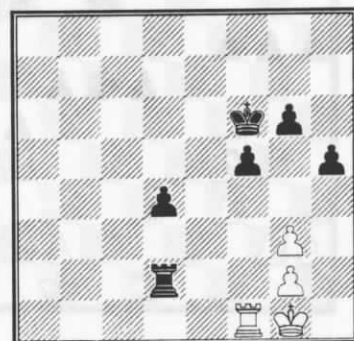
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**Shughart Dave -
Moore, Sherwood
Midsummer Open**

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♘d2 de4 4. ♘e4 ♘f6 5. ♗g5 ♗e7 6. ♗d3 ♘bd7 7. c3

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**Rayburn, J. - Korsmo
Midsummer Open**

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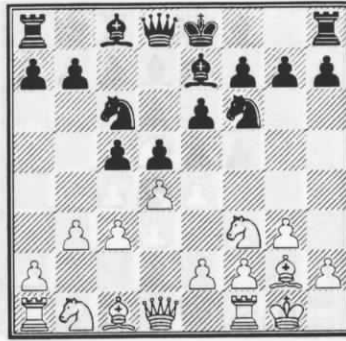
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**Moore, Sherwood - Yonker, G.
Midsummer Open**

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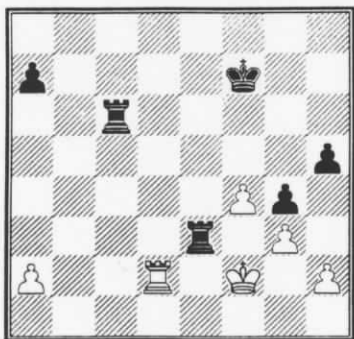
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Jensen, Carl -
Mayer, Zygmond
Midsummer Open

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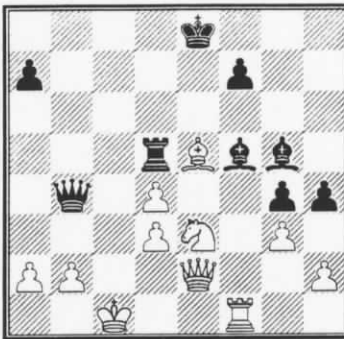
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Gertler, Dave -
Mayer, Zygmond
Midsummer Open

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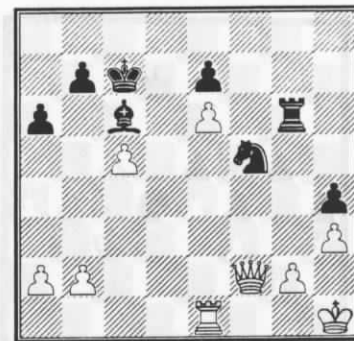
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Schwartz, Steve -
Hersrud, Russell
Midsummer Open

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Schwartz, Steve -
Herzog, Russel
Midsummer Open

Tournament Tables

Western Montana's Game 30 Championship   July 27th 1996

	Player	Rated	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Gregory Nowak	2189	W11	W4	W10	W9	D2	4.5
2	Rudy Ktzl	2000	W8	W6	W3	W10	D1	4.5
3	Paul Svelmoe	2020	bye	W5	L2	W11	W8	3.5
4	Rich Hall		W14	L1	W7	D8	W9	3.5
5	Mike Carlin		bye	L3	W15	W7	W10	3.5
6	John Butler	1550	W15	L2	L9	W16	W12	3
7	Ron Erickson	1764	W12	D9	L4	L5	W11	2.5
8	Bob Leader		L2	W15	W16	D4	L3	2.5
9	Chris Mc Court		W n/s	D7	W6	L1	L4	2.5
10	Dan Mc Court	1727	W13	W16	L1	L2	L5	2
11	Mike Joyce		L1	W13	W14	L3	L7	2
12	Ed Meyers III		L7	L14	W13	W14	L6	2
13	Paul Berberick		L10	L11	L12	W15	W14	2
14	John Gorham		L4	W12	L11	L12	L13	1
15	Ben Anderson		L6	L8	L5	L13	W16	1
16	Nicholas Gow		W n/s	L10	L8	L6	L15	1

Montana Postal Tourney 95-96

	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Total
1	Preston, Curtis	x	.5	0	1	0	0	0	0		
2	Brennan, Les J.	.5	x	1	1	1	0	.5	0	0	4
3	Long, Michael	1	0	x	1	1	0	0	0	1	4
4	Partney, Louis	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	Withdrew
5	Wolberd, Patrick M.	1	0	0	1	x	0	0	0	.5	2.5
6	Motta, Paul S.	1	1	1	1	1	x	.5		1	
7	Duke, David	1	.5	1	1	1	.5	x		1	
8	Mayer, Zygmond	1	1	1	1	1			x	1	
9	Price, Donald M.	1	0	1	.5	0	0	0	x		

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REPORT ON THE 1996 MIDSUMMER OPEN

by William McBroom

David Gertler, current Delaware State Champion, won the Midsummer Open outright with 4 « points in the 28-player event. His last round draw with Nathan Fewel of Spokane--whose own 3 « points were good for the best under 1900--was not a quick one to cinch first place. Both players pressed each other hard. Carl Jenson had second place all to himself with a score of 4 points. His last round win over Zygmond Mayer produced one of those rare outcomes with a player forgetting that he was moving up the board and losing his new Queen after delivering a check he thought was checkmate. Zygmond, winner of last year's Midsummer Open with a perfect score of 5, had to settle for three points. Another strong player, Greg Nowak of Missoula, withdrew after the fourth round and ended up with 3 points.

Our good friends from Washington not only showed up in force, but they also did well by themselves. Gary Younker captured the best under 1700 with 3 « points and his son, Jeremy, nicked some strong players to take home two points and the prize for biggest upset. Chris McCourt is continuing his development as a chess player. His score of 2 « points won him the best under 1500 plaque.

Some new players joined us from the Sun Valley, Idaho area. Tom Keelan, a teacher there, and three brothers who are his students, traveled to Missoula for the Tournament. Geoff, Graham, and Spencer Unger each finished the tournament with 2 points. Nicely done, fellows!

There was a special prize for being booked up. Bill McBroom donated a first edition of ECO A as a prize for staying in the book the longest. Carl Jenson won it (on tie breaks) by staying in a Bird's for six moves. The conditions of the prize included that one had to play an opening in ECO A (which also has the English, Reti, Benoni, and some others). There were two more games making it to six moves, one to four, and the rest were only one or two moves deep. Since another condition was that the game must follow main line moves, not footnotes, Zygmond Mayer's Grob was excluded as ECO A relegates it to a footnote. If players come to Montana tournaments booked up, they do not seem to be relying on ECO A!

Mid-Summer Open

	Name	Rated	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Gertler, David	2295	W14	W28	W4	W2	D5	4.5
2	Nowak, Greg	2189	W16	W8	W5	L1	withdrew	3
3	Jensen, Michael	2031	late entry	bye	F27	W20	W19	2.5
4	Mayer, Zygmond	2016	W18	W12	L1	W6	L14	3
5	Fewel, Nathan	1881	W17	W11	L2	W13	D1	3.5
6	Fabian, Steve	1836	W19	D13	W15	L4	D28	3
7	Shughart, David	1800	D20	L15	L22	D25	W24	2
8	Erickson, Ron	1764	W22	L2	L14	D19	D21	2
9	Mc Court, Dan	1712	bye	D10	W18	L22	D17	2.5
10	Korsmo, Keven	1685	D21	D9	L17	W23	L18	2
11	Bailey, Brian	1685	W23	L5	W19	L18	W22	3
12	Goplen, Armen	1660	W24	L4	D21	D26	W27	2.5
13	Younker, Gary	1653	W25	D6	W26	L5	W15	3.5
14	Jenson, Carl	1650	L1	W20	W8	W17	W4	4
15	Moore, Sherwood	1647	bye	W7	L6	W21	L13	2.5
16	Schwartz, Michael	1629	L2	W22	D28	bye	W26	3
17	Mayer, Eriel	1540	L5	W23	W10	L14	D9	2.5
18	Rayburn, John	1504	L4	W24	L9	W11	W10	3
19	Goodwin, Dean	1451	L6	W25	L11	D8	L3	1.5
20	Keelan, Thomas	1330	D7	L14	L23	L3	L25	.5
21	Unger, Graham	1327	D10	D26	D12	L15	D8	2
22	Younker, Jeremy	1302	L8	L16	W7	W9	L11	2
23	Unger, Geoff	1235	L11	L17	W20	L10	1 pt bye	2
24	Blehm, Zachary	1194	L12	L18	L25	1 pt bye	L7	1
25	Mc Court, Chris	1129	L13	L19	W24	D7	W20	2.5
26	Hersrud, Russell	1054	W27	D21	L13	D12	L16	2
27	Unger, Spencer	910	L26	1 pt bye	X3	L6	L12	2
28	Taylor, Jeff B.	1802	1 pt bye	L1	D16	W27	D6	3

Calendar of Chess Events

UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY CHESS CLUB: 1996-1997 SEASON

Courtesy of William McBroom

The University-Community Chess Club (UCCC) meets every Thursday in room 362 of the UM's Social Science Building (analysis in SS340). The club sponsors weekly or "club" tournaments, speed tournaments ("speedos") and weekend tournaments. All tournaments are conducted according to U.S.C.F. rules. Club and weekend tournaments are rated and sanctioned by U.S.C.F. and, thus, U.S.C.F. membership and an entry fee are required. Membership in the Montana Chess Association

(or other state organization) is required for the one weekend tournament counting in MCA's grand prix competition.

Club Tournaments and Speedos

An entry fee (EF) of $2.00 (with no refunds for unplayed rounds) is charged for club tournaments. There is no prize fund. On the night a new tournament begins the start time is 7:30 (7:00 sharp in successive rounds). The tournament director (T.D.) will start the clocks of the players of the White pieces promptly at these start times. Players who know they will be late may arrange a delayed start time by contacting the T.D. If your opponent is the late player, you may honor the request for a delayed start or you may leave for the evening. If you are the late player, it is your responsibility to contact your opponent to arrange a mutually agreeable off-site time and location for a makeup game. The same procedures are to be followed when an opponent announces in advance that he or she will be absent on a given night. Games unplayed for such reasons will be scored as a forfeit loss for the late/absent player and at the discretion of the T.D., players who do not inform opponents (or the T.D.) will be withdrawn from the tournament.

Tournament format (Swiss or round robin) is at the discretion of the T.D. Time controls are game in 2 hours unless otherwise announced during registration. Players of matches (EF=$3.00 each, for 1 to 8 games) may play under any mutually agreed to ratable time controls.

For Speedos there is an EF of $1.00 and F.I.D.E. rules (which include the "touch-move" rule) are used. EFs generate a prize fund which is distributed 1st=40%, 2nd=30%, and 3rd=20% (10% going to the club).

Largo Spring Open; 3 R; May 9,16,23
Allegro Spring Speedo; May 30
1st Summer Open; 3 R; June 6,13,20
1st Summer Speedo; June 27
2nd Summer Open; 3 R; July 11,18,25
2nd Summer Speedo; August 1
3rd Summer Open; 3 R; August 8,15,22
3rd Summer Speedo; August 29
1st Fall Open; 3 R; September 5,12,19
1st Fall Speedo; September 26
2nd Fall Open; 3 R; October 3,10,17
2nd Fall Speedo; October 24
SPECIAL EVENT: Octopus Mash (see reverse for details); October 31
3rd Fall Open; 3 R; November 7, 14, 21
3rd Fall Speedo; December 5
1st Winter Open; 3 R; December 12, 19, 26
1st Winter Speedo; January 2
2nd Winter Open; 3 R; January 9, 16, 23
2nd Winter Speedo; January 30
3rd Winter Open; 3 R; February 6, 13, 20
3rd Winter Speedo; February 27
1st Spring Open; 3 R; March 6, 13, 20
1st Spring Speedo; March 27 [OVER]
Club Championship; 5 R; April 3 10, 17, 24, May 1
Club Speed Championship and Awards Night; May 8

Weekend Tournaments

These tournaments have variable EFs and prizes. Formats and time controls are at the discretion of the T.D. Details of these tournaments are announced in Chess Life and the Montana Chess News. T.D.s of weekend tournaments have their EF waived in the next weekend tournament in which they play.

Midsummer Open; July 13 & 14, 1996; game/120 (T.D. = McBroom)
Turkey Open; November 16 & 17, 1996; game/120 (T.D. = Moore)
Five Valleys Freeze-Out, January 1997(Dates and T.D. to be announced)
Valentine Open; February, 1997 (Dates and T.D. to be announced)
Bookworm Open, March 1997 (Rapid Chess); (Dates and T.D. to be announced)
Crocus Open; April, 1997 (dates and T.D. to be announced)

Octopus Mash October 31, 1996. Several-time Montana champion Greg Nowak will play against allies. EF $2 (prize fund to UCCC if allies win; draw = 1/4 to Octopus, 3/4 to UCCC; if Octopus wins « to Octopus, « to UCCC. Allies in SS362, Octopus in SS340. Allies select a courier to deliver moves. Two clocks will be used. As soon as one side has less than 5 minutes left, Octopus moves to SS362. Game in two for allies and game in one for Octopus, both with sudden death. THE INSUFFICIENT LOSING CHANCES RULE WILL NOT BE IN FORCE.

Special Events and Awards

These are available only to UCCC "voting" members (having paid $2.00 for the season, or any fraction thereof--there is no post factum eligibility). Multiple awards may be made to the same individual, except those for the most improved and biggest upset (i.e., if one qualifies for both of these, only one may be selected, the other going to the next qualifier).

-- closed club championship: (last year's champion, 1st-3rd grand prix, 1st and 2nd for performance rating in the Valentine Open (if the Valentine T.D. is a non-playing T.D., his or her performance rating from the immediately previous weekend tournament played in the current season is used).

-- club speed championship: (all voting members are eligible).

-- most improved player: 1500 and above; and under 1500 (trophies). Improvement is the percent improvement (latest minus earliest, divided by earliest) in established ratings shown in the April, 1995 supplement to that in force at the end of the playing season.

-- biggest upset: with two awards, as above, where the upset is the difference in established ratings (both players must have established ratings), draws counting half the difference.

The following UCCC grand prix system (similar to, but not identical with the MCA system) is used:

G.P. points = (C) * (# RDS) * (average rating) / 1500. C values are: 2 for first place; 1.6 for second; 1.2 for third; .8 for fourth; and .4 for fifth.

UCCC Grand Prix points are awarded only to voting members. Ties are resolved by pooling grand prix points and dividing them equally among players with the same score (unrated players

counting as 1100). Winners of matches formed expressly to accommodate odd persons in club tournaments earn grand prix points at half the rates shown above.

Montana E-mail Chess Tournament

Round Robin between participants USCF Rated (postal ratings used)
EF: $10 Registration/Info: leslie@mcn.net Registration ends October 1st.

1996-97 Montana Postal Chess Championship

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

Missoula's Game 30 Championship....................September 7th 1996

5 SS, G/30, The Shack Restaurant 222 W. Main, Missoula, MT. EF: $10 advance $14 at the door. *This is an unrated event, no State or USCF membership is required.* Prizes: based on 20 entries, $30, $25, $20, $10 Shack Gift Certificates to best: Bird, Polish, Larsen & Andersen Openings. MCA membership to best English or Caro Kann. Rounds: 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm, 5:30pm Entries made to: Greg Nowak, Hellgate Station, PO Box 8572, Missoula, MT 59807 ½ pt by available 1st round only, Please bring clocks and sets - some clocks may be available to those who do not own one. For information contact Greg Nowak at above address.

Flathead Chess Championship..........................September 14th 1996

5 SS, G/30, Sunflower Bakery, 209 Main St., Polson, MT EF: $10 adults $5 under 18 All at the door entries are $4 more. *This is an unrated event, no State or USCF membership is required.* Prizes: based on 15 entries, $50, $35, $25, $15, $10 Gift Certificate to best Anderson, Larsen ($5) MCA membership to best English 1st Place under 17 receives a Stageline Pizza GC, 2nd place under 17 receives $5 cash. Rounds: 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm, 5:30pm Send Entries to: Greg Nowak, Hellgate Station, PO Box 8572, Missoula, MT 59807 ½ pt by available 1st round only, Please bring clocks and sets - some clocks may be available to those who do not own one. For information contact Greg Nowak at above address.

Montana State Closed.....September 21st and 22nd 1996

Ten Player 5 round Swiss format. Time control: 40/2, 20/1. War Bonnet Inn, Butte, MT. Rounds: Saturday 9:30am, 2pm, 7pm and Sunday 9am, 2pm. TD: Sherwood Moore.

The John Barto Memorial Open..........September 21st and 22nd 1996
Held in conjunction with the MT State Closed

5 -SS, G/2. War Bonnet Inn, 2100 Cornell, Butte, MT 59701. EF: $20 by 9/19, $25 at site. Trophies: 1st-2nd, Best U1900, U1700, U1500, U1300. Reg. 8-9 Rds. 9:30-2-7, 9-2. State memb req'd $6, other states OK. HR: $45 sgl/dbl, 1-800-443-1806. Special room rates if reserved by 9/6/96, specify it is for the chess tournament. Ent: Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota, Missoula, MT 59802. (406) 728-1695. NS.NC.W

Grizzley Chess Encounters.............................September 21st 1996

50 Player exhibition to be held at the Book Rack in Missoula, MT. 2100 South Ave West. Event registration will begin at 11:45am noon and continue until all players are finished. EF: $4 - adults / $3 - kids in advance, at the door entries are $2 more. Prizes: $10 restaurant Gift Certificate or $15 in credit at the Book Rack for Wins. $5 restaurant Gift Certificate or $7 in credit at the Book Rack for Draws. Enter at the Book Rack, or send entries to: Greg Nowak, Hellgate Station, PO Box 8572, Missoula, MT 59807.

The Community vs the Octopus.............................October 8th 1996

Hunter Bay Coffee Roasters 225 W Front, Missoula, MT 7 - 10 pm EF: $3 adults $1 kids $2 more at the door. Sherwood Moore will be officiating this event where all participants take on Greg Nowak, "The Octopus". A win for the community will result in all proceeds going to the Humane Society. A draw will result in half the proceeds going to the Humane Society. Greg will get the White pieces in this first ever charity event.

'96 Chinook Open...........October 12th & 13th 1996
⇒ Great Fall's Only Grand Prix Tournament !!!!

5 Round Swiss, Time Controls, 45/2, 20/1 Room 203, University of Great Falls Classroom Bldg (nearest 23rd St. parking), Great Falls, MT. EF: $15 if received by 10/9, $25 after that. MCA required, other states OK. Prizes: 1st $75, $25 to top in each division. Registration: 8:45 - 9:45 am Oct 12th. Rounds: 10am, 2pm, 7pm, 9am,1pm. For advance registration or info: Thad Suits, 2015 4th Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59401 (406) 453-6160 *no advance entries by phone.*

Turkey Open..............................November 16 & 17 1996

5 Round Swiss, G/2, University of MT Social Science Bldg. Rm 362, Missoula, MT. EF: $15 if received by 11/14 or $20 at the door. MCA membership required, other states OK. Prizes Guaranteed: $100 - $50, U1800 $20, U1600 $20, U1400 $20 plaque for biggest upset (both ratings must be non-provisional). Registration 8-8:30am Rounds: 9am, 2pm, 7pm, 8:30am, 1pm Send advance entries to: Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota, Missoula, MT 59802 (406) 728-1695 no phone entries. NS. NC. W.