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ZYGMOND MAYER WINS WINTER'S END OPEN
NOWAK WINS BOOKWORM
JENSEN WINS UCCC 1ST SPRING OPEN
CARPENTER, JENSEN, JOHANSSON, NOWAK & SHUGHART
SHARE FIVE-WAY TIE AT THE CROCUS OPEN !!!

“INSUFFICIENT WHAT?”

USCF rule 14H



“**Y**ou’re losing on time and you’re just looking for an excuse! I was given the same amount of time as you were, and I used it wisely! You didn’t! That’s the whole idea of sudden death time control!”
[nihilist misconception based on insufficient rule savvy]

Some call it the bane of sudden death rules. Others call it an invention born of necessity, whose time has come.

This editor can’t even find euphemisms for some of the epithets its opponents have used to describe it. What is this phenomenon that brings out the best and worst in chess players everywhere? Like it or not, it’s a rule. It’s a USCF sudden-death rule. And the more you know about it, the better off you’ll be. But you have to claim it to make it work for you.

The idea behind its genesis is twofold: one) If a clearly drawn position is reached, a draw will be awarded (even if one of the players is in extreme time trouble). two) If the player in time trouble has a clearly won position, but doesn’t have enough time to execute the win, the draw is sort of a consolation. If not for this rule, the board could be reduced to the two opposing Kings, and whoever’s flag falls

first, would lose. Or, even more ridiculous would be for only one player to be reduced to a King, and for that player to win on time, even though his opponent had mating material. And so it came to be. And some said it was good.

So, what is that cacophonous commotion in the corner of the playing hall? Maybe it’s a dispute over the issue of “insufficient losing chances”. What’s all the hubbub over? Is the rule ambiguous? Do you understand it? Imagine, if you will, that you’ve just traded down to where you have a King and a Rook, and your opponent has only a King. Your opponent has 15 minutes left on the clock, but your flag is hanging by a cobweb. You just don’t have enough time to mate your opponent. What do you do? It doesn’t take audacity to claim a draw in this situation. It isn’t really a very high octane maneuver at all. You just need rule savvy! It can spell the difference between your winning, losing and drawing.

What's New

Winter's End Open:

A few phone calls and there was a tournament. The eastern Montana players thought it felt like time to play some chess, so they got together at MSU Bozeman for a four round Swiss G/2. Zygmund Mayer was the TD and winner with four wins. Johansson and Ammondtd tied for second-third with three wins.

Jonni Ammondtd also won the Biggest Upset prize for his victory over J. C. Kuba in round one, after which Kuba withdrew - apparently upset with himself over the blunder that cost the game. Jonni also beat Les Brennan, after which Les went home - because the tournament was over. Jonni also won the Best Under 1900 prize (his class prize and the second place prize monies were combined and divided equally between Jonni and Jan, as per USCF Rule 32B3).

Three A players ended up occupying three out of four of the last slots on the crosstable after the dust settled (check the crosstable out).

Eriel Mayer won the Best Under 1600 prize of \$15 (but that will probably be the last time, because he should have a rating that is over 1600 pretty soon). Logan Suriano won the Best Under 1400, for \$10.

There was a speedo Saturday night - pieces flying everywhere - which was won by Master Emeritus John C. Thompson.

Bookworm:

No report, sorry.

Newsletters:

Search your souls. Bill Lynch did it for seventeen years with a typewriter. Don't be pusillanimous!

Crocus Open:

The April Crocus cannot, by any means, be described as having been an average event. This annual affair, attended by sixteen players, was marked by exciting unpredictable upsets and a controversial - but interesting - handling of a sudden-death rule invocation.

Bob Martin, from East Helena, who apparently wasn't satisfied with his draws with Ron Erickson, David Duke and Michael Jensen at the February Valentine Open, played round one to a draw at board one against Greg Nowak. And you thought Erickson was the draw master? Young Chris McCourt (rated 1129, provisional) won his first round game against Bill McBroom (1676).

Round three was a wild one! Dave Shughart sacrificed a Bishop and a Rook to beat Bob Martin. And there were three games where one player had less than five minutes remaining while the other had more than thirty minutes to play, i.e. Johansson/Jensen, Nowak/Carpenter & McCourt/ McBroom. Romie Carpenter stopped the clock when he had less than a minute to play. He claimed a draw based on "insufficient losing chances." This action provoked - as it often does - a lively and disruptive protest which resulted in a unique and innovative solution. The tournament director - Don Gisselbeck - recruited two players to play the position out, one player rated 1500 and the other rated 2000. After the lower rated player (playing the claimant's side) won the game, the TD awarded the draw. Don felt quite comfortable with the methodology he chose [quite appropriately], but commented later, "This gave us further incentive to get an allegro clock." Don also added, "Interestingly, Nowak was up a Pawn shortly before the final even position." Adding, "It would also be nice [but not mandatory] if players could make their claim with more than a few seconds remaining."

Round four saw Greg Nowak, perhaps ironically, pull out a win from an even position with Michael Jensen. Don Gisselbeck also pulled off a "fairly satisfying upset" over Bob Martin, for the Biggest Upset award.

Check the crosstable out and the games from the Crocus. There is a lot of fun to re-live vicariously.

Business Agenda:

Start honing those polemic skills. Maybe you're not a master debater, or a disputater. But you can still be involved in the forensic discussions (arguments?) that will shape the future of the Montana Chess Association. It's almost here, and with some recurring themes. Submissions for discussion are as follows:

1. Some members want to see a Closed that involves more people, ergo, the subject has been submitted for rehash. A ten player Swiss will be discussed.
2. If a new format is approved, a discussion will follow in re: making the new format retroactive for the 1996 State Closed.
3. There will be a discussion concerning changing the mandated State Open dates, in view of the fact that graduation ceremonies are now taking place on the same weekend that the State Open is required to take place.

Quote of the Month:

immortal. - p.4

Having a finger on the cutting edge of opening theory, a Montana Expert's candid comment becomes

From the President's Desk



To my fellow members,

I am requesting that we reconsider moving the Montana State Open to June. My reasons for this suggestion are listed below.

I. When May was first established, the colleges and universities were on a quarterly system. Their graduation days were in June. Now they have adopted semester systems, and graduation is the weekend before Memorial Day. We have several fine players who either are attending the universities and colleges or are instructing and therefore have conflicts with this date.

II. The high schools and middle schools have also chosen this weekend graduation. Not only in Missoula, but several other large districts use the weekend also.

III. With these activities happening at one time, motel rooms and playing sites are more difficult to find.

I, therefore, suggest we move the Montana State Open to the second weekend of June.

Thank you for considering my motion.

Respectfully Yours, Sherwood Moore

UCCC 1ST SPRING OPEN 2/29, 3/7,14/96

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1	J. Michael Jensen	2030	D 6	W 5	W 4	2.5
2	Hans Anderson	1771	L 7	W 9	W 6	2
3	Ted Catton	1741	D 8	D 6	WD	1
4	Dan McCourt	1727	W 9	W 7	L 1	2
5	William McBroom	1664	U--	L 1	WD	0
6	Sherwood Moore	1656	D 1	D 3	L 2	1
7	Carl Jenson	1651	W 2	L 4	L 9	1
8	John Rayburn	1477	D 3	L10	WD	0.5
9	Ryan Cain	1273	L 4	L 2	W 7	1
10	Ron Erickson	1756	U--	W 8	WD	1

WINTER'S END OPEN 3/30,31/96

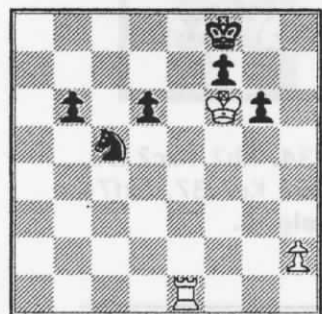
	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOT
1	Z. Mayer	2004	W 7	W 3	W10	W 4	4
2	Johansson	2077	W 6	W10	D 4	D 5	3
3	Ammond	1540	W12	L 1	BYE	W 9	3
4	Thompson	2200	W 5	W 9	D 2	L 1	2.5
5	Long	1798	L 4	W11	W 8	D 2	2.5
6	Duke	1793	L 2	W 7	D 9	W10	2
7	E. Mayer	1545	L 1	L 6	W11	BYE	2
8	Suriano	1103	L10	BYE	L 5	W11	2
9	Brennan	1821	W11	L 4	D 6	L 3	1.5
10	Carpenter	1864	W 8	L 2	L 1	L 6	1
11	Blehm	UNR	L 9	L 5	L 7	L 8	0
12	Kuba	1898	L 3	WD	---	---	0

CROCUS OPEN 4/20,21/96

	NAME	RTG	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOT
1	Nowak	2175	D 9	W 7	D 4	W 3	3
2	Johansson	2077	W10	W 5	L 3	W15	3
3	Jensen	2015	W11	W 6	W 2	L 1	3
4	Carpenter	1873	W12	W15	D 1	BYE	3
5	Shughart	1822	W13	L 2	W 9	W 8	3
6	Erickson	1754	W14	L 3	W10	BYE	2.5
7	D. McCourt	1727	BYE	L 1	L 8	W16	1.5
8	McBroom	1676	L15	BYE	W 7	L 5	1.5
9	Martin	1664	D 1	D12	L 5	L14	1
10	Ammond	1557	L 2	W13	L 6	W12	2
11	Rayburn	1521	L 3	L14	W12	W13	2
12	Jorgenson	1500	L 4	D 9	L11	L10	0.5
13	Furdell	1393	L 5	L10	W16	L11	1
14	Gisselbeck	1369	L 6	W11	L15	W 9	2
15	C. McCourt	1129	W 7	L 4	W14	L 2	2
16	T. Shughart	UNR	U--	U--	L13	L 7	0

Remember
these
positions?
(check the ratings out, too)

Scarff 1721 E. Mayer 1127
Midwinter Open 2/5/94



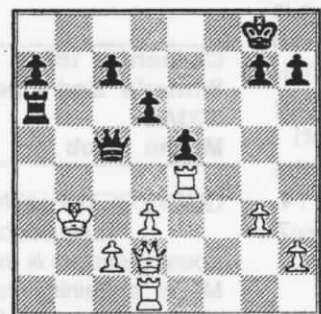
59. Ra1?? Ne4 Mate!

Scarff 1725 Duke 1697
Thunder Lizard GP 3/13/94



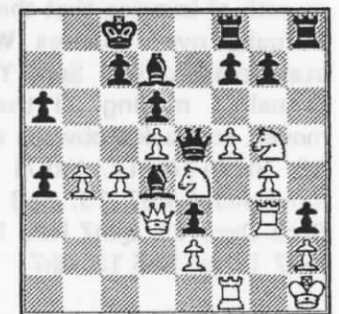
10. White misses mate in 1

McBroom 1645 McCourt 1780
UCCC 1st Summer Open 7/1/94



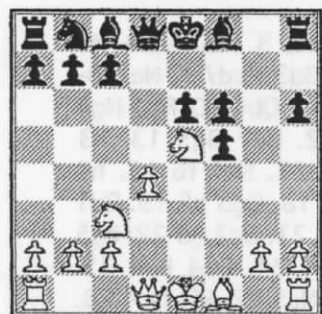
28... Black misses mate in 5

Thompson 2200 Nowak 2197
Montana State Closed 8/27/94



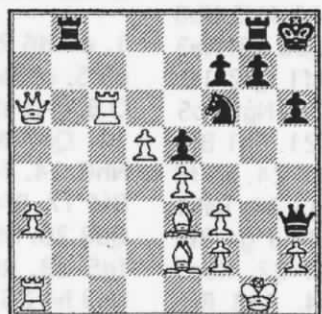
29...Re8! giving f7 to White

Scarff 1605 Hull 1453
Andromedid Action Open 10/2/94



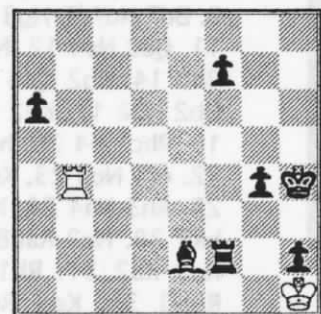
9. White's move, mate in 9!!

Suits 1945 Skovron 1839
MT Quick Championships 6/95



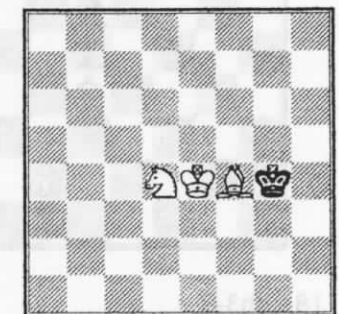
Rxf6?? White's worst move!

J. Younker 1214 E. Mayer 1457
Turkey Open 11/18/95



47. Rxf4+ The only move left

Long 1777 Bailey 1662
Valentine Open 2/18/96

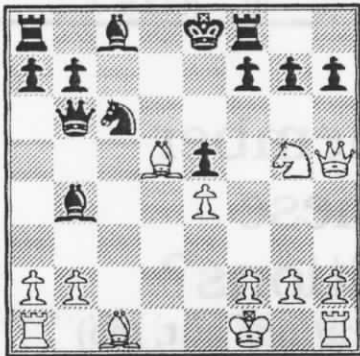


49...Kh5 & White mates in 50

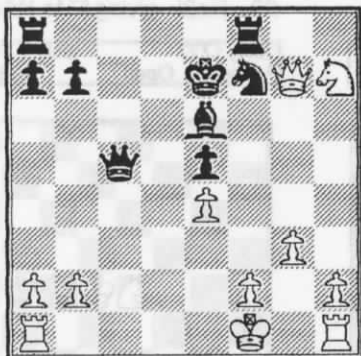
Recent Games

Brennan **Price**
1996 MT Postal Championship
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. Nf3 e5 4. c3
 (a gambit offered in quasi-Motta
 spirit. White had a *hunch* it would
 work) 4...dxc3 5. Nxc3 Nc6 6. Bc4
 Nf6 7. Ng5 d5 8. Nd5 Nd5 9. Bd5
 Bb4 10. Kf1 Qb6 11. Qh5 Rf8!



White's attack is about to reach an
 epic crescendo, and that visceral
 warmth of knowing that the game is
 virtually over induces White to
 start playing like Sum Yung Fu,
 casually making all the wrong
 moves, to Black's obvious delight!
 12. Bxf7+?? (12. Nxf7! was the
 move here) Ke7 13. Be3 Bc5 14.
 Bxc5 Qxc5 15. Qxh7 Nd8 16. Qxg7
 Nxf7 17. g3 Be6 18. Nh7



18...Bh3+!
 And Black is already starting to

exhibit classic symptoms of post-
 traumatic euphoria!
 19. Kg1 Rfc8 20. Qf6+ Ke8 21. Rd1
 Rd8 22. Qf3 Rxd1+ 23. Qxd1 Qc6
 24. Ng5 Rd8!

And White's femme fatale finally
 feels fatigued, fallen & finished.
 Ergo:

White Resigns : (

Long **Z. Mayer**
1996 MT Postal Championship
Göring Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. c3
 dc3 5. Bc4 cb2 6. Bb2 Bb4 7. Nbd2
 Nf6 8. O-O O-O 9. e5 d5 10. ef6 dc4
 11. fg7 Re8 12. Nc4 Qd1 13. Rfd1
 Bg4 14. Ne3 Bf3 15. gf3 Bd6 16.
 Ng4 Re6 17. Rd5 Be7 18. Rad1 f6
 19. Rb5 Rd8 20. Rd8 Nd8 21. Rd5
 Nf7 22. Rd7 Bd8 23. Nh6 Nh6 24.
 Rd8 Kf7 25. Ba3 Rc6 26. Rd7 Kg8
 27. Bb4 Nf7 28. Bd2 Rd6 **White**
Resigns.

Carpenter 1864 **Z. Mayer 2004**
Winter's End Open
3/31/96 **Round 3**
Macho Grob

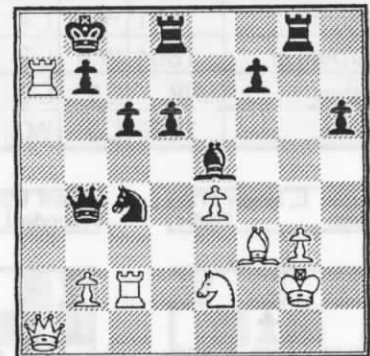
QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

*"I Like people thinking my
 opening system is trash!"* - Zygmund
 Mayer, explaining his reluctance to
 annotate his games for Montana Chess
 News.

1. d4 c5 2. d5 h6 3. e4 d6 4. c4 g5
 5. Be2 Bg7 6. Bg4 Nd7 7. Ne2 Ngf6
 8. Bd7 Nd7 9. Ng3 Be5 10. Nd2 Nb6
 11. Qe2 Na4 12. Ndf1 Qb6 13. Ne3
 Bb2 14. Bb2 Qb4 15. Kf1 Qb2 16.
 Qb2 Nb2 17. Ke2 Na4 18. Ngf5 b5
 19. Rhc1 b4 20. h4 a5 21. Rh1 Bf5
 22. ef5 Nc3 23. Kd3 Kd7 24. a3 f6
 25. Rh3 Na4 26. hg5 fg5 27. Rah1
 ba3 28. Nc2 Rab8 29. Na3 g4 30.
 Re3 Rb2 31. Rb1 Rhb8 32. Rbe1
 R8b3 33. Ke4 Re3 34. Re3 Rf2
White Resigns.

Thompson 2200 **Z. Mayer 2004**
Winter's End Open
3/31/96 **Round 4**
Macho Grob

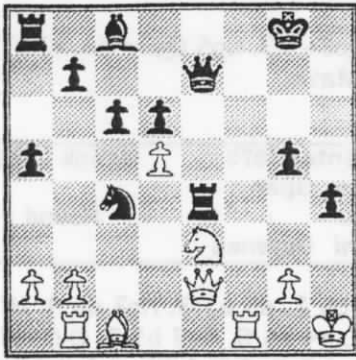
1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 h6 3. g3 d6 4. Bg2
 g5 5. c4 c6 6. Nc3 Bf5 7. O-O Bg7
 8. Re1 Qd7 9. e4 Bg4 10. Qb3 Qc7
 11. Be3 Nbd7 12. Rad1 Bh5 13. h3
 g4 14. hg4 Ng4 15. Bc1 O-O-O 16.
 Rd3 e5 17. Be3 Ne3 18. fe3 Bf3 19.
 Bf3 ed4 20. ed4 Rhg8 21. Ne2 Qa5
 22. Qd1 Qa2 23. Ra3 Qc4 24. Ra7
 Kb8 25. Ra4 Qb5 26. Qa1 Nb6 27.
 Ra5 Qd3 28. Ra3 Bd4 29. Kg2 Qc4
 30. Rc1 Qb4 31. Rc2 Be5 32. Ra7
 Nc4



33. Ra4 Ne3+! 34. Kh2 Nxc2 35.
 Qa2 Qb5 36. Ra8+ Kc7 37. Qxf7+
 Kb6 **White Resigns.**

Long 1798 **Johansson 2077**
Winter's End Open
3/31/96 **Round 4**
Make-It-Up-As-You-Go

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nd2 e5 4. d5
 c6 5. c4 Be7 6. Bd3 Nbd7 7. Ne2 O-
 O 8. O-O a5 9. Kh1 Qb6 10. Rb1 Ng4
 11. Qe1 Nc5 12. Bc2 Bg5 13. h3
 Nh6 14. f4 ef4 15. Nf4 f6 16. h4
 Bf4 17. Rf4 Ng4 18. Qg3 h5 19. Bd1
 Qd8 20. Nf1 Re8 21. Bc2 g5 22. hg5
 fg5 23. Rf3 Ne4 24. Be4 Re4 25.
 Ne3 h4 26. Qe1 Ne5 27. Rf1 Nc4 28.
 Qe2 Qe7 (diagram, next page)



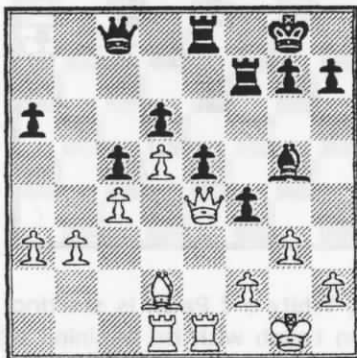
29. Qh5! (a brilliant cognition of the perpetual-check opportunity)
 29...Nxe3 30. Qg6+ Qg7 31. Qxe4 Nxf1 32. Qe8+ Kh7 33. Qh5+ Kg8 34. Qe8+ Kh7 **Draw.**

Anderson 1771 Jensen 1651
 UCCC 1st Spring Open
 2/29/96 Round 1
 Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 cd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bg5 dc4 7. Nf3 Bg4 8. Bc4 Bf3 9. Qf3 Nd4 10. O-O O Nf3 11. Bf6 ef6 12. Bb5 Ke7 13. gf3 Qd1 14. Rd1 a6 15. Bc4 Rc8 16. Nd5 Ke8 17. Nb6 Rc6 18. Re1 Kd8 **White Resigns.**

Moore 1656 Jensen 2030
 UCCC 1st Spring Open
 2/29/96 Round 1
 English Opening

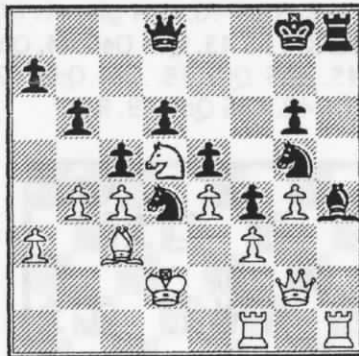
1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 b6 3. b3 c5 4. Bb2 Bb7 5. g3 e6 6. Bg2 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. e3 d6 9. d4 cd4 10. ed4 Nbd7 11. Nc3 a6 12. Re1 Qc7 13. Rc1 Rac8 14. Qd2 Qb8 15. d5 e5 16. Ng5 Nc5 17. Nge4 Nfe4 18. Ne4 f5 19. Nc5 bc5 20. Bh3 Rce8 21. Rcd1 Qd8 22. Qc2 Bc8 23. a3 f4 24. Bc8 Qc8 25. Qe4 Bg5 26. Bc3 Rf7 27. Bd2



27...f3! 28. Qd3! Bd2 29. Rd2 Qh3 30. Qf1 Qg4 31. Qd3 e4 32. Qf1 Re5 33. h3 Qg6 34. Re3 Qh6 35. Kh2 Qf6 36. Rd1 h5 37. Rde1 Rfe7 38. Qg1 Re8 39. Kh1 Qd8 40. Qh2 Qf6 41. Rg1 R5e7 42. Rge1 Qb2 43. Qg1 Qe5 44. Qh2 Rf7 45. Qg1 Qb2 46. Rb1 Qd4 **Draw Agreed.**

Erickson 1756 Rayburn 1477
 UCCC 1st Spring Open
 3/7/96 Round 2
 Orangutan Opening

1. Nf3 b6 2. b4 Bb7 3. c4 f6 4. a3 Nh6 5. d4 Nf7 6. e3 d6 7. Nc3 e5 8. d5 g6 9. e4 Bg7 10. Be2 O-O 11. h4 Bc8 12. Nh2 f5 13. h5 f4 14. hg6 hg6 15. Ng4 Bg4 16. Bg4 Nh6 17. Be6 Kh7 18. Qf3 Nd7 19. Ne2 Rf6 20. g4 Re6 21. de6 Nf8 22. Bb2 Ne6 23. Qg2 Qe7 24. f3 Bf6 25. Qh2 Qg7 26. Kf2 Rh8 27. Qg2 Kg8 28. Nc3 Bg5 29. Rad1 Qe7 30. Ke1 Bh4 31. Kd2 Nd4 32. Ne2 c5 33. Nc3 Nf7 34. Nd5 Qd8 35. Bc3 Ng5 36. Rdf1



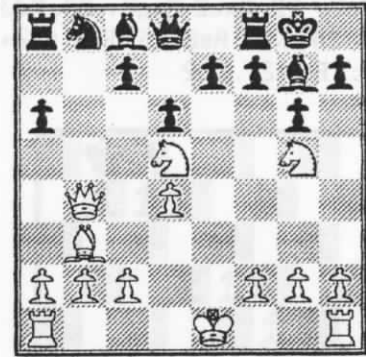
36...Be1+??

(Far from being tactically maladroit, John simply looked at the possibilities of this move for about ten minutes, and suddenly found himself very short on time. And after committing to the nebulus plan, John quickly sees his error)
 37. Kxe1 Rxh1 38. Qxh1 Ndx f3 39. Rxf3 Nxe4 40. Rh3 Qg5 41. Rh8+ Kf7 42. Qh7+ **Black Resigns.**

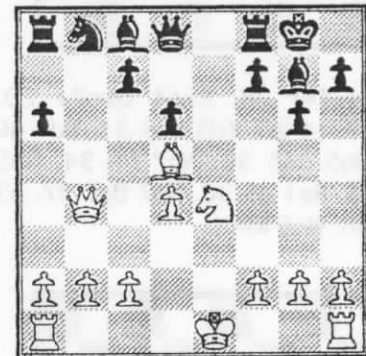
C. McCourt 1129 McBroom 1676
 Crocus Open
 4/20/96 Round 1
 King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. Bc4

Bg7 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Bg5 a6 7. Qd2 b5 8. Bb3 b4 9. Nd5 Ne4 10. Qb4 Ng5 11. Ng5



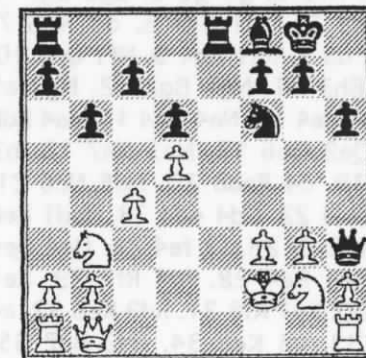
11...e6 12. Ne4 exd5 13. Bxd5



13...Ra7 14. Qxb8 c6 15. Qxa7 Qa5+ 16. c3 Qxd5 17. f3 f5 18. Ng3 Re8+ 19. Kf2 f4 20. Ne4 Qc4 21. Rhe1 Qd3 22. Nxd6 Qd2+ 23. Kf1 Qd3+ 24. Kf2 Qd2+ 25. Kf1 Qd3+ 26. Kg1 **Black Resigns.**

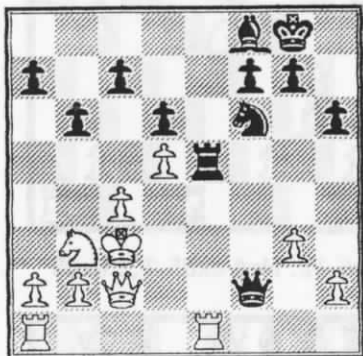
Martin 1664 Nowak 2189
 Crocus Open
 4/20/96 Round 1
 King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 b6 3. Bg2 Bb7 4. d4 e6 5. Nbd2 Be7 6. Nb3 d6 7. Bd2 Nbd7 8. Qc1 Qc8 9. O-O Bc6 10. c4 O-O 11. Bg5 Re8 12. Rd1 Bf8 13. Ne1 Bg2 14. Ng2 h6 15. Bf6 Nf6 16. f3 e5 17. d5 Qf5 18. Qb1 Qh3 19. Kf2 e4 20. Rh1 ef3 21. ef3

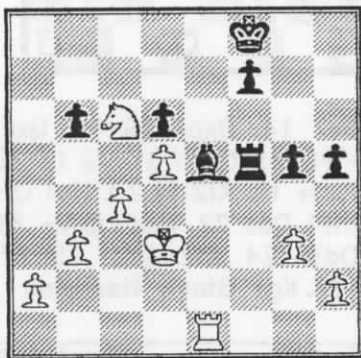


Martin / Nowak, cont.

21...Re2+ 22. Kxe2 Qxg2+ 23. Kd3 Qxf3+ 24. Kd4 Re8 25. Re1 Qf2+ 26. Kc3 Re5 27. Qc2



27...Ne4+! 28. Rxe4 Qxc2+ 29. Kxc2 Rxe4 30. Kd3 Re8 31. Nd4 g6 32. Nb5 Re5 33. Nc7 h5 34. Nb5 Rf5 35. Re1 g5 36. Na7 Bg7 37. b3 Be5 38. Nc6 Kf8



39. Re2 Draw Agreed.

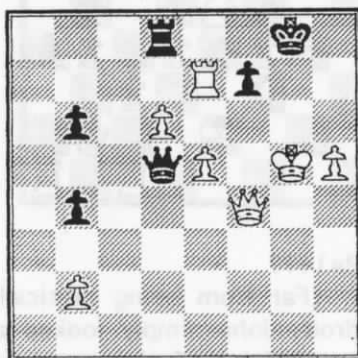
Jorgenson 1500 Martin 1664
Crocus Open
4/20/96 Round 2
Saragossa Opening

1. c3 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nf3 c5 5. O-O O-O 6. d3 Nc6 7. Nbd2 d5 8. Re1 Bg4 9. Nf1 Qc8 10. Ne3 Bh3 11. Ng5 Bg2 12. Ng2 e5 13. e4 de4 14. Ne4 Ne4 15. de4 Rd8 16. Qe2 Qe6 17. Ne3 Ne7 18. b3 Rd7 19. c4 Rad8 20. Nd5 Nc6 21. Be3 Nd4 22. Bd4 ed4 23. Rad1 Re8 24. Kg2 f5 25. f3 fe4 26. Qe4 Qe4 27. Re4 Re4 28. fe4 Rf7 29. Re1 Be5 30. Rd1 Kf8 31. Rd3 Ke8 32. a4 Kd7 33. h3 Ke6 34. Rd2 Bg7 35. Rd3 Ke5 36. Rf3 Rf3 37. Kf3 Bh6

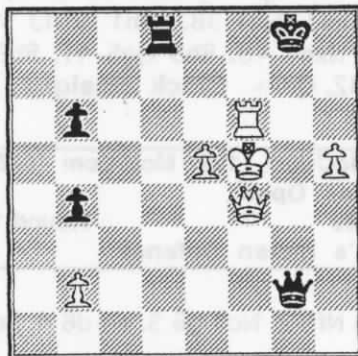
38. Nf4 b6 39. Nd3 Ke6 40. e5 Bg7 41. Ke4 g5 42. h4 h6 43. h5 a5 44. g4 Bh8 45. Kf3 Be5 46. Ke4 Bh8 47. Nf2 Bf6 48. Nd3 Be7 49. Ne5 Bd6 50. Nd3 Bh2 51. Nf2 Bg1 52. Nd3 Be3 53. Ne5 Bf4 54. Nd3 Draw Agreed.

Johansson 2075 Jensen 2030
Crocus Open
4/21/96 Round 3
King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 c6 2. g3 d6 3. Bg2 e5 4. d3 Nf6 5. Nbd2 Nbd7 6. e4 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Nc4 Re8 9. a4 a5 10. Bd2 Bf8 11. Nh4 Qc7 12. f4 b6 13. Bc3 Bb7 14. Kh1 Rad8 15. Nf3 ef4 16. gf4 d5 17. e5 Ng4 18. h3 dc4 19. hg4 cd3 20. cd3 Nc5 21. Nd4 Ne6 22. Ne6 Re6 23. Be4 Rh6 24. Kg2 c5 25. Qf3 Be4 26. de4 c4 27. Rad1 Rc6 28. Rd5 Rc5 29. Rfd1 Rcd5 30. ed5 Bb4 31. Rd4 h6 32. d6 Qd7 33. Rc4 Qa4 34. Bb4 ab4 35. Qd3 Qa5 36. Rc7 Qa8 37. Kh2 Qa2 38. Qc2 Qe6 39. Kg3 g5 40. Qc4 gf4 41. Kf4 Qg6 42. Kf3 h5 43. Qe4 Qe6 44. Qc4 Qg6 45. gh5 Qf5 46. Qf4 Qd3 47. Kg4 Qd1 48. Kg5 Qd5 49. Re7



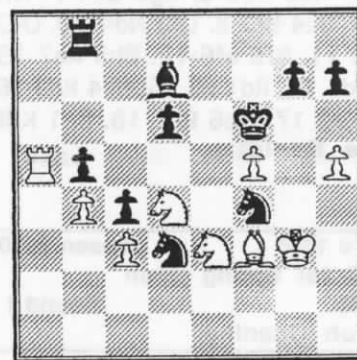
49...Rxd6! 50. Rxf7! Qg2+ 51. Kf5 Rd8 52. Rf6



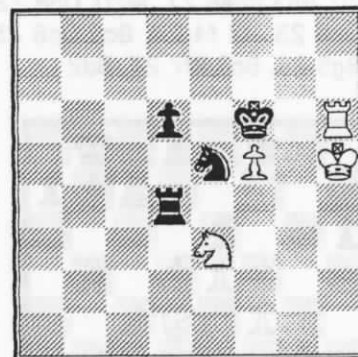
52...Qc2+ 53. Kg5 Qg2+ 54. Kh6?? Qg7 Mate.

Carpenter 1873 Nowak 2189
Crocus Open
4/21/96 Round 3
Benoni Defense

1. d4 c5 2. d5 e5 3. Nc3 d6 4. Nf3 Be7 5. e4 a6 6. Bd3 b5 7. O-O Nd7 8. a4 c4 9. Be2 Rb8 10. ab5 ab5 11. b4 Ngf6 12. Nd2 Nf8 13. Ra5 Bd7 14. Ndb1 Rb7 15. Be3 Ng6 16. g3 O-O 17. f3 Qb8 18. Qc1 Bd8 19. Ra6 Bb6 20. Bb6 Rb6 21. Qa3 Rc8 22. Nd2 Ne8 23. Qa5 Ra6 24. Qa6 Kf8 25. Ra1 Ke7 26. Kf2 Nc7 27. Qa5 Qb7 28. Qa7 Rb8 29. Qe3 Ra8 30. Ra5 Ra6 31. h4 f6 32. h5 Nh8 33. f4 Nf7 34. Nf3 Qb6 35. Qb6 Rb6 36. Nd1 f5 37. ef5 ef4 38. gf4 Nd5 39. c3 Nf4 40. Nd4 Kf6 41. Ne3 Ne5 42. Bf3 Rb8 43. Kg3 Ned3



44. Ra7 Rd8 45. Nc6 Bc6 46. Bc6 Ne2 47. Kh4 Ne5 48. Bb5 Nc3 49. Bc4 Rb8 50. b5 Nb5 51. Bb5 Rb5 52. h6 gh6 53. Rh7 Rb4 54. Kh5 Rd4 55. Rxh6+



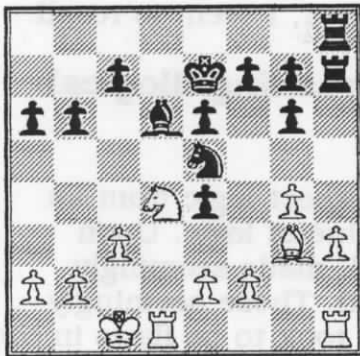
Now, White's f Pawn is starting to get in touch with its feminine side. Draw. (insufficient losing chances)

Martin 1664 Gisselbeck 1369
Crocus Open
4/21/96 Round 4
King's Indian Attack

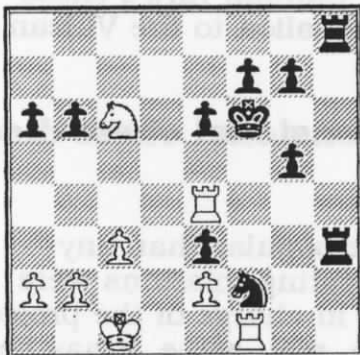
1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 Nc6 4. d4 Bg4 5. h3 Bh5 6. g4 Bg6 7. Nh4 e6 8. Ng6 hg6



9. Nd2? Nxd4 10. c3 Nc6 11. Qb3 b6 12. Nf3 Bd6 13. Qb5 Qd7 14. Bg5 Ne5 15. Nd4 a6 16. Qd7 Kd7 17. O-O-O Ne4 18. Be4 de4 19. Nc2 Rh7 20. Bf4 Ke7 21. Bg3 Rgh8 22. Nd4



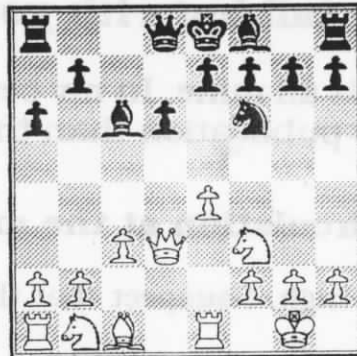
22...Nxc4 23. Nc6+ Kf6 24. Bxd6 cxd6 25. Rxd6 Nf2 26. Rf1 e3 27. Rd7 Rh3 28. Nd8 Rf8 29. Rd4 g5 30. Nc6 Rfh8 31. Re4



31...Rh1 32. Rxe3?? Rxf1+ **White Resigns.**

Jensen 2015 Nowak 2175
Crocus Open
4/21/96 Round 4
Sicilian Defense

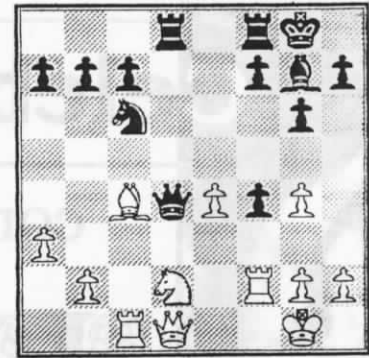
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5 Nd7 4. O-O a6 5. Bd7 Bd7 6. c3 Nf6 7. Re1 c4 8. d4 cd3 9. Qd3 Bc6



10. e5 dxe5 11. Qxd8+ Rxd8 12. Nxe5 e6 13. Nxc6 bxc6 14. Nd2 Bc5 15. Nb3 Bb6 16. Be3 Be3 17. Re3 Rd5 18. c4 Rd6 19. Ree1 Ke7 20. Rad1 Rhd8 21. Rd6 Rd6 22. Kf1 Nd7 23. Ke2 e5 24. Na5 c5 25. Rd1 Rd1 26. Kd1 Kd6 27. Kd2 f5 28. f3 Kc7 29. a3 Kb6 30. b4 Nf8 31. Nb3 Ne6 32. Ke3 h5 33. g3 g5 34. Kd3 g4 35. fg4 hg4 36. Ke3 Kc6 37. Kd3 cb4 38. ab4 Ng5 39. Nd2 f4 40. gf4 ef4 41. Ke2 Kd6 42. Kf2 Ke5 43. Nb3 Ne4 44. Kg2 f3 45. Kf1 Kf4 46. b5 ab5 47. cb5 Ke3 48. Kg1 Nc3 49. b6 Ne2 50. Kf1 g3 51. hg3 Ng3 52. Kg1 f2 53. Kh2 f1=Q 54. b7 Kf3 55. b8=Q Qh1 **Mate.**

McBroom 1676 D. Shughart 1822
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4/21/96 Round 4
Modern Defense

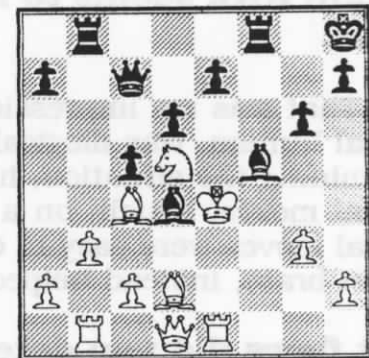
1. d4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. Bg5 d5 4. Nbd2 Nc6 5. e3 Nf6 6. c4 Bf5 7. a3 O-O 8. cd5 Qd5 9. Bc4 Qd7 10. Rc1 Rad8 11. O-O Ne4 12. Bf4 Nd2 13. Nd2 e5 14. e4 Bg4 15. f3 Qd4 16. Rf2 ef4 17. fg4 (diagram)



17...Qxb2 18. Rc2 Qxa3 19. Rxf4 Qe3+ 20. Rf2 Bd4 21. Qf3 Qxf2+ 22. Qxf2 Bxf2+ 23. Kxf2 Ne5 **White Resigns.**

Furdell 1393 Rayburn 1521
Crocus Open
4/21/96 Round 4
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 Nc6 4. Nc3 g6 5. d4 cd4 6. Nd4 Bg7 7. Nc6 bc6 8. Bd2 Nf6 9. O-O O-O 10. Re1 Rb8 11. Rb1 Qc7 12. b3 Ng4 13. Be2 Nxf2! 14. Kxf2 Bd4+ 15. Kf3 f5 16. g3 fxe4+ 17. Kxe4 c5 18. Bc4 Kh8 19. Nd5 Bf5+



20. Kf3 Bxc2+ 21. Bf4 Bxd1 22. Rbd1 Qa5 23. Re7 Qa2 24. h4 Qf2 25. Kg4 h5 26. Kh3 Qf3 27. Rf1 Qg4 28. Kg2 a5 29. Be2 Qc8 30. Rc7 Qe6 31. Bc4 Qe4 32. Kh3 a4 33. Re7 Qf5 34. Kg2 Qc2 35. Kh3 a3 36. Bd6 Rf1 37. Bf1 Qf5 38. Kg2 Qf2 39. Kh3 Qf1 **White Resigns.**

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Celebrity Interview

conducted by Jim Loy

I'm interviewing one of the best known chess players of all time. It's a great honor to be talking with you, Mr. Spock.

The honor is all mine. In my century, there will be no more prestigious publication than the *Montana Chess News*.

Really? It has a fairly small circulation at the moment.

But the quality is surprisingly high. I suspect that this interview will start the ball rolling, as you humans say.

Well, I'd better renew my subscription. To change the subject, I've heard people call you "Dr. Spock." That's incorrect, isn't it?

Yes. Dr. Spock is a 20th Century human, an Olympic swimmer, I seem to recall.

Captain Kirk seems to have defeated you at chess, by making illogical moves.

That was my impression at the time. I deduced that to expect logic from an illogical human, was illogical. This called into doubt the entire value of logic. Upon reexamining the situation, however, it turns out that Captain Kirk made seemingly illogical moves, which, on a deeper level, were very logical indeed. These seemingly illogical moves were easy to dismiss as without substance. What I took to be flaws in the human brain, instead helped me to detect flaws in my own thought processes.

What flaws did you detect?

The main flaw is a typical Vulcan overconfidence in the natural superiority of the Vulcan brain. We tend to underestimate other modes of thought. Captain Kirk's chess style exhibits an aggressiveness which, while surprisingly logical is alien to the Vulcan mind.

On the Enterprise, you play a 3-D chess. Has two-dimensional chess died out in your century?

No, the chess game that you are familiar with is much more popular than any three-dimensional chess. When the chronicles of our more interesting missions were transmitted back to your century, it was decided by the humans in charge of the project that a fictional three-dimensional chess be substituted for the real game. It has been

known, since early in the 20th Century, that chess is inexhaustible, for all practical purposes.

But, doesn't the ship's computer on the Enterprise play perfect chess? Isn't it impossible to beat? [Spock's expression approximated a smile as he answered this question.]

That, I'm afraid, was a bluff of mine.

[He noticed my astonishment that a Vulcan would bluff.]

The 'bluff' is well-described in the literature of probability and of game theory. It is extremely logical. It is merely alien to the Vulcan modes of thought. As a student of the human brain, I derived great satisfaction from devising this little deception.

To what use did you put this deception?

It was a simple device for demonstrating that the ship's computer had been tampered with. There were actually many convincing clues that the computer memory had been damaged. But, these clues would be convincing only to a computer expert. It would have taken too long to convince the humans, who were in authority. We were pressed for time.

So you yourself don't play perfect chess?

No, of course not. I'm sure that I could defeat your Mr. Kasparov. But, on Vulcan, I am considered merely a talented amateur.

Enterprising Opening Trick

Jim Loy boldly goes - in for the kill

Michael Long Jim Loy
Wannabe Action Open '94

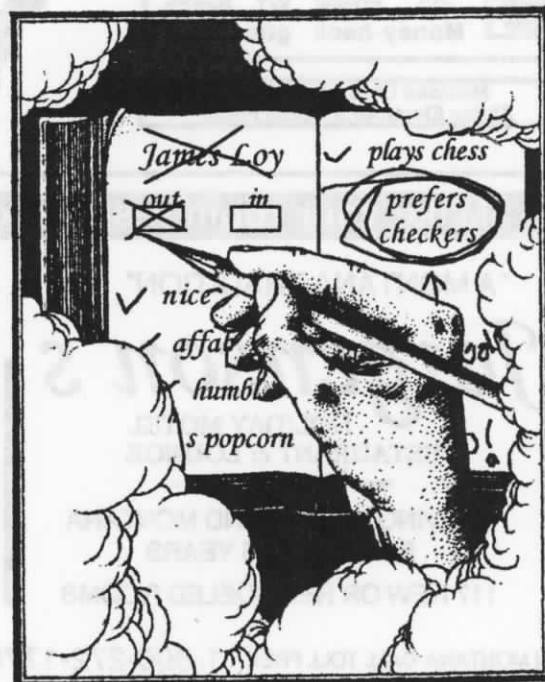
9...Be6! 10. Bxe6 fxe6
11. Bh6

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3.
Bc4 Nf6 4. a3 g6 5. d3
Bg7 6. f3 O-O 7. Be3 d6
8. Qd2 a6 9. g4



15...Nxg4!! 16. Nxf3 Rxf3+!
17. Ke2 Rf2+
White Resigns.

11...Nxg4!! 12. Bxg7
Qh4+ 13. Kf1 Kxg7 14.
Re1 Nd4 15. Qg2



Chess Heaven

On Golden Pawn

from the Editor

Ask anyone who has held a position on MCA's board of directors, and they'll tell you that, if nothing else, it was interesting. They involved themselves in organizational issues that the majority of members didn't even know about. A lot of members don't even care about what goes on behind the scenes, just as long as exciting chess tournaments keep springing up around the state.

There are eighty-something Montana chess players who really enjoy an occasional tough, competitive, rated tournament. And these events just keep happening. To these people, MCA is their little slice of heaven, there is no analog. These are halcyon days. Quite the deal for only six dollars a year.

But tournaments don't just happen. Behind every exciting tournament is an organizer - someone who is acting as a servant to those who choose to partake. Lately, there have been events offering free donuts and coffee. The State Open will offer that. Cool, huh?

And there will be trophies. Big ones! Kip Stubberud, MCA's Vice President, did a lot of work in securing the site for this year's Open, and we participants should be very comfortable. A lot of deliberation went into the selection of trophies, and this involved several officers still serving out their 1995-1996 terms.

Sherwood Moore, MCA's President, has taken care of the official *Chess Life* announcements and will direct the State Open.

Everything will be taken care of just fine. And there will probably be a lot of players at this year's event. It is just going to be great. You'll be there, right?

That's the way it is when there is someone working behind the scenes.

And then there is the newsletter. We'll keep getting them after this editor passes the baton, not to worry. But who's going to do it? Attend the business meeting and find out, or have a say.

Do you like that feeling of having everything done for you? We all do at times. And thereby hangs a tale:

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MAY 18,19 1996

Jorgenson'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.

UCCC MIDSUMMER OPEN JULY 13,14 1996

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 13. EF \$15 if rec. by 7/11, \$25 at site. \$\$ G 140 - 1st \$50 + trophy, 2nd trophy, <1900 \$40 + plaque, <1700 \$30+ plaque, <1500 \$20 + plaque, Biggest Upset = plaque (both players must have nonprovisional rts). MCA membership required (\$6), other states OK. No smoking, No computers, Wheelchair accessible. Cancellations received by 8:00am 7/13 (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 (406) 728-4654 (No Phone Entries)

MONTANA STATE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 21,22 1996

War Bonnet Inn, Butte, MT. Six Player Round-Robin format (as of press time). Time control: 40/2, 20/1. Rounds: 9:30, 2, 7, 9, 2. TD: Sherwood Moore. Qualifiers are asked to be present at 9:00am Saturday for the drawing of lots for player numbers.

The John Barto Memorial Open

The John Barto Memorial Tournament will be held in conjunction with the Closed (Sept. 21,22). 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, Rounds: 9:30, 2, 7, 9, 2. This event will, of course, also be held at the War Bonnet Inn. More details in subsequent issues.

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