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1998 State Co-Champion Les Brennan
There's a first time for everything.

Brennan, Stubberud tie for state championship

Moore takes Barto Memorial — Story on page 2

Unlike last year's runaway victory, the 1998 State Champions were not determined until the final game of the tournament. Zygmund Mayer, a half-point ahead of his closest rivals and nursing an endgame advantage over Kip Stubberud, dropped a rook in stunning fashion, leaving Kip and Les Brennan to claim the title as co-champions with a score of 4-1.

The tournament began with upsets on the top boards. David Duke beat Thad Suits on board one, ending the reigning champion's 23-game undefeated streak in tournament play. Meanwhile, on board two, Les defeated Kip — a win which ultimately enabled Les to take home the trophy on tiebreak points.

Another former champ, Jim Skovron, was in the running until the last round, but he also fell to Brennan. When asked how he accounted for his surprise win (he only barely even qualified as a last-minute substitute player), Les replied in typical tongue-in-cheek style, "I dunno. Weak opponents?" He went on to encourage other dark-horse players to grab any chance to participate in the Closed. "They may think they don't have a chance, but anyone can put together four good games," he said.

This was a first time for Les, but for Kip it was a fifth championship, and two of those were unshared titles. See the list of past champions in this issue and picture your own name there for next year's list.

Projected newsletter dates and deadlines

With the Newsletter going to a quarterly publication schedule I want to find publication dates that meet three criteria:

- The main tournaments in the year are nicely split between the issues.
- There is enough lead time to spread the word about upcoming events, but not so much as to cause tournament organizers to miss deadlines.
- The dates avoid the times of year that I am busiest with work.

With these things in mind, it looks like the following approximate publication dates will work the best.

Issue #3 - Sept. 25

Covering the Closed Championship and the Barto Memorial

Issue #4 - Dec. 8

Covering the Chinook and Turkey Opens.

Issue #1 - Mar. 31

Covering the Yuletide, Valentine, Freezeout, and Crocus.

Issue #2 - July 31

Covering the Montana Open and the Midsummer Open.

Deadlines for submissions should be ten days prior to publication, but I can be flexible here, depending on the type and size of the submission. As always, the sooner I get your material the better, and the more organized it is when it comes to me the better.

The biggest challenge I see with these dates concerns the Crocus Open, which would have to be set in early December in order to be advertized in the third issue.

These dates are subject to change, and I may eventually find that a completely different set of dates is more suitable. There may also be an extra issue on occasion, even though that would change it from a quarterly to a.... I don't know. What do you call something printed five times a year? An every-so-oftenly?

Nowak wins Midsummer Open going away Barto Memorial and other recent tournaments

Midsummer Open

With his rating standing at exactly 2200 as he entered Missoula's Midsummer Open, Greg Nowak was in no mood for anything less than a sweeping victory. A sweep is just what he got, going 5-0 to take clear first place.

Eric Gilbertson and Ron Erickson tied for second and third place, capturing their respective class prizes as well. Ron, who took some time off his legislative campaign to play, apparently combined good chess with good politics. Both his victories came against players from Washington State — well out of his district.

The other prize went to Daniel McCourt, who took home the gift certificate for the under 1700 class.

Barto Memorial

Sherwood Moore was in perfect 5-0 form to win the Barto Memorial, held in conjunction with the State Closed in Helena. Sixteen players took part — a great turnout — observing the progress of the championship tournament on their game breaks.

Dan Pollette of Helena, returning to chess after a long hiatus, was a strong second place with 4-1.

Other trophy winners were:

Bill McBroom, third place. Under 1800, Eriel Mayer. Under 1600, Mel Drake. Under 1400, Nick Doulas.

UCCC Closed

Mike Jensen went 4-1 at the Closed Championship of the University and

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Community Chess Club in Missoula, beating out Romie Carpenter and Sherwood Moore by half a point.

Sherwood made things interesting by defeating Mike in their game, but his three draws put the title just out of reach.

UCCC Spring Open

Daniel McCourt won the UCCC Spring Open with two wins and a draw. This year's Spring Open was a small three-rounder, and Daniel's only draw came against Romie Carpenter, who was playing as a houseman.

UCCC Summer Opens 1-3

Bill McBroom took clear first place in the ten-man 1st Summer Open, held in June. He scored 2½ out of three, a full point ahead of his nearest rivals.

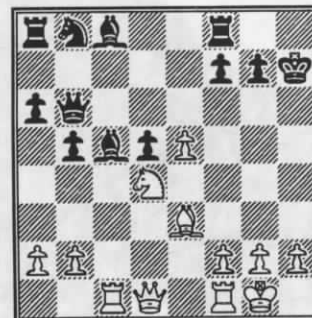
Sherwood Moore and Mike Jensen tied for first with 2 points each in the 2nd Summer Open, a four-man round robin last July.

Dan McCourt went 2½-½ to win the 3rd Summer Open in late August.

Did you find (or miss) a subtly sharp move in one of your games? If so, send it to the editor and ask

What's the Cruncher?

This issue's cruncher is from a position in the last issue. Can you remember the best continuation?



White to move and crunch.

Corvalis Chess Devils dominate in Missoula

—by Greg “Octopus” Nowak

After the first Regional Chess Team School Matches on March 21st, at which eleven teams took part, some teams wanted a rematch before school was out. They got their chance with the five school “Missoula Youth School Team Chess Championship”, held on May 30th, at St. Joseph Catholic Middle School in Missoula.

Seeley Lake was there, hoping to repeat as champions, but with mostly new kids. The Corvalis Chess Devils were clearly the dominating team this time, though, finishing with a perfect 4-0 in match points and 25-7 in game points. They were third in regional 11 team tournaments.

Previous board winners Johnny Legan and Kyle Seamons were back for Corvalis, plus a new strong third board Max Masnick, who lost only one game out of eight. Kyle and Johnny won all! Legan, Seamons, and Masnick won board prizes for boards 1, 2, and 3.

You can play the Octopus at his new club, Clandestine Chess Club, at 125 W. Main, in Missoula. Special events, or \$1 per hour.

A new team, the Hellgate Hawks from Hellgate Middle School, was second, with three match points and 21.5 game points. The Devils beat them 5-3 to get the match point. Hellgate has potential to improve, having over 60 kids in their chess club. They did well on their first try. Cheng, of the Hellgate Hawks, won the prize on board 4 with a score of 7-1.

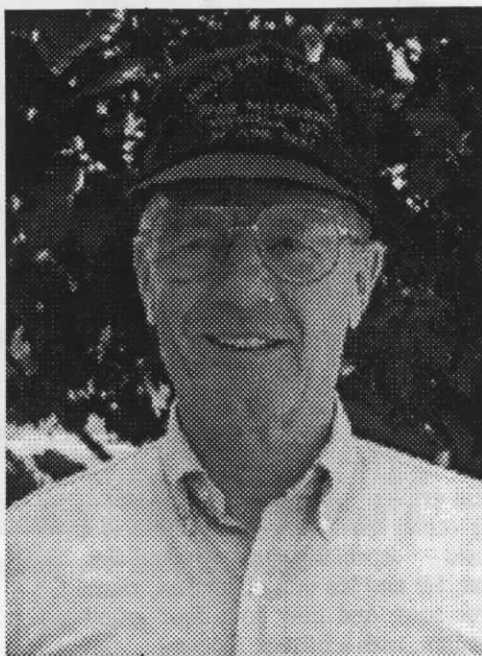
Here are the tournament totals.

Team	Match	Games
1 Corvalis Chess Devils	4	25
2 Hellgate Hawks	3	21.5
3 Seeley Lake Flying Knights	1.5	15.5
4 St. Joes Bishops	1.5	13.5
5 Roosevelt Knights	0	6

Time control was Game/15, and the winning team got \$5 each, while second place took \$3 each. The best board prize was \$5.

After the tournament, I put on a free 20 board exhibition, winning all.

MCA Player Profiles: William H. McBroom



Bill McBroom

1.a4 a5 2.Ra3! With these moves the eight-year-old Bill McBroom launched his chess playing career. It was another 36 years before Bill played in his first tournament, but by that time he had learned how to attack with more than just his rooks.

Bill is a newcomer to Montana, having moved here from Ohio with his family in 1968. This year also marks his 30th anniversary as professor of sociology at the University of Montana, where his classroom serves as the site of the UCCC.

In his chosen field of sociology Bill is a serious scholar. He has published dozens of articles on such subjects as health care, fertility, and social stratification. Like many of us, though, Bill laments the lack of time for regular chess study. He has a study routine he follows, covering important points of

(See McBroom, Continued on page 4)

Rattlesnakes put bite on competition

—by Greg Nowak

On June 20th, at Goldsmith's Restaurant in Missoula, five teams competed in the “First Greater Northwest Team Championship”. The Clarkfork Rattlesnakes, led by Max Burkett (2185) finished with 3.5 match points out of 4. Kip Stubberud's “Fantastic Four” finished a close second with 3 match points. Kip had Jim Mundy on board 2, who of course won all his games. Kip and Jim were the dynamic duo of the team, winning boards 1 and 2 with almost a perfect score. Just one more game point at the right time would have given them a tie for first place.

It's interesting to note that luck is a factor. If the party of three from Polson had not canceled out before the event, and the two no-shows had shown, then Mundy would have been a team captain himself. And had a member of former “Team Muck” married on a different weekend, we could have had seven teams. Only a couple game points separated the winning teams from the

losing teams. Case in point: Had McCourt's Hannibal's Elephants gotten one more win each against the rattlesnakes and the Fantastic Four, they would have taken first.

Here are the team standings:

1 Clarkfork Rattlesnakes	3.5
2 Fantastic Four	3
3 Hannibal's Elephants	1.5
4 Napoleon's Cavalry	1
5 Downwinders	1

Best board winners were:

1 Kip Stubberud	3.5
2 Jim Mundy	4
3 Holmes/McCourt	3
4 Kyle Seamons	4

There was a large turnover — thirteen new players and only seven from the previous team event. Also, nine of twenty players were from out of town.

A special congratulations to Kip, who followed up his win at the State Open with a good showing in this team tournament.

After this event came the Western Montana Speed Championship. I regained some ego points, winning all with 10-0. Kip took second, going 9-1, and Jim Mundy was third with 7.5-2.5.

Renaissance Fair features the royal game

Forsooth, the Great Falls Chess Club sponsored a booth and a game with human chess pieces at the third annual Renaissance Fair on the Campus of the University of Great Falls, July 11-12.

As a fund-raising scheme, all visitors to the booth who paid a dollar got a chess button bearing the slogan "Chess Maketh Thee Valiant" as well as a game against a club member. Although the understanding was that any winners would get their dollars back, the club proved almost unbeatable. In the only game which a visitor won (time controls were 5 minutes versus 10), the winner graciously declined the return of his dollar.

For chess enthusiasts, the high point of the fair was the reenactment of a famous game from days of yore (1930 A.D.) This took place on a 30 foot square board marked out on the lawn of the campus quad, and the pieces were human volunteers, most of whom were in Renaissance costumes. Thad Suits called out the moves, and whenever a capture took place, Bill Furdell and his wife, Lana, instructed the two "pieces" to engage in combat. This combat took the form of various tests of skill (including exchanging insults in Middle-English), and even though the winner of the combat was always preordained, the contestants approached their combat with high spirits.

The game the chess club chose for this reenactment was one of Najdorf's. Played in Warsaw and dubbed "The Polish Immortal", its swashbuckling sacrifices made it well-suited to the temperament of the fair-goers.

Glucksberg - Najdorf
Warsaw, 1930

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.e3? c6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne2? Nbd7 9.Ng5? Bxh2+ 10.Kh1 Ng4 11.f4 Qe8 12.g3 Qh5 13.Kg2 Bg1! 14.Nxg1 Qh2+ 15.Kf3 e5! 16.dxe5 Ndx5+ 17.fxe5 Nxe5+ 18.Kf4 Ng6+ 19.Kf3 f4! 20.exf4 Bg4+! 21.Kxg4 Ne5+! 22.fxe5 h5#

Najdorf has sacrificed two knights and two bishops, brilliantly giving checkmate with the lowly rook pawn.

Final note: Reviewers gave two thumbs up to Nick Doulas's dramatic rendition of the part of the lowly rook pawn in the above reenactment. A star, it seems, is born.

(McBroom — Continued from page 3)

opening repertoire, tactics, and endgame theory, and he finds digging into openings to be the most satisfying. He summed up the attitude of many players when he described his own work ethic: "Openings are fun to study. Endgames are necessary to study."

In spite of limited study time, Bill is a well-read student of chess books. He particularly suggests Chernev's *Logical Chess* for beginners, and Nimzowitsch's *My System* for tournament players. The latter, he maintains, should be studied at least three times in one's career. In addition, he recommends the books by Silman for anyone.

Bill has many interests to complement his love of chess. Chief among these are philately, photography, hunting (competitive shooting, too), and music — especially early jazz and classical. He and his wife, Gretchen, raised three sons, and now have four grandchildren, with a fifth on the way.

Bill has confessed to offering

draws out of a fear that he would fall asleep. No doubt the loser of the game below wishes Bill had nodded off about move fifteen.

McBroom, B - Zedekar, S
King's Indian Attack [A05]
1998 Barto Memorial

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d3 d6 5.0-0 0-0 6.e4 Nbd7 7.Re1 Ng4 8.d4 e5 9.h3 Ngf6 10.c4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Nd2 Ned7 13.b4

Bill wastes no time putting pressure on the diagonal that Stanley's last move opens.

13...Ne5 14.Qe2 Nh5 15.N2f3? Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Bxd4 17.Rb1 Bg7 18.Bb2

From here on Bill simply simplifies.

18...Bxb2 19.Rxb2 Qf6 20.Qxf6 Nxf6 21.Rbe2 Be6 22.c5 Bc4 23.Rd2 dxc5 24.bxc5 Rad8 25.Red1 Rxd2 26.Rxd2 Re8 27.f3 Bb5 28.Rb2 Bc6 29.Rb4 Rd8 30.g4 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Rd2 32.e5 Nd7 33.e6 fxe6 34.Kg3 Nxc5 35.Bf1 a5 36.Rf4 Rxa2 37.Rd4 Ra3 38.Be2 Ne4+ 0-1

A Dream Date

— by Thad Suits

A friend who knows of my interest in chess recently gave me a book to read. It's called *The Eight*, by Katherine Neville, and the plot centers around a quest for the mythical and magical chess set of Charlemagne. The protagonist, a young woman working in New York as an auditor, gets drawn into international intrigues after meeting a sexy and elusive Russian Grandmaster named Solarin.

The story is amusing enough summer reading, and by and large the depictions of the chess world are believable. Occasionally, though, the author stretches a point in her attempt to make chess seem glamorous. Here, for instance, is a passage in which our heroine speaks glowingly of her mentor in the business world, one Ladislaus Nim. Although not sexy like Solarin, Nim apparently compensates for that deficiency by being a good flirt:

He had committed to memory all of the world championship games in history. He was a walking biographical encyclopedia of the lives of the grand masters. He could regale you for hours with stories of the history of chess, when he chose to be charming.

The writer of those lines sounds like a chess player's dream date. Any woman willing even to feign attentiveness for more than two minutes, much less be regaled by chess stories for hours on end, is my kind of woman.

Me: "Then there was the time I almost drew against Petrosian in the Albuquerque simul. I might have even won the game, except I pushed my h-pawn instead of my g-pawn and he ended up getting counterplay on the kingside."

Her: "Oooh, I love it when you talk about your tactics on the wings. Don't stop. Don't stop, I want to hear more. Whisper in my ear about the time you played the Benko Gambit against that high expert."

My wife, as patient and understanding a chess widow as there ever was, doesn't react like that to my regaling. When I tell her, for instance, about some stunning brilliancy that I came up with on move 39 of the fourth round, she may smile indulgently, but she has never yet responded with moans of pleasure.

But, come to think of it, when I *really* want to be charming I more often talk about baseball anyway.

Recent Games

Shughart,D (1810) - Gisselbeck,D (1346)
Two Knights Defense [C57]
UCCC 1st Summer Open

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5
5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Nxf7

The fried liver attack. With a name like that, it must be good.

6...Kxf7 7.Qf3+ Qf6?



Giving back the piece too easily. The scarier 7...Ke6 was required.

8.Bxd5+ Be6 9.Qxf6+?

9.BxN would have won another pawn.

9...gxf6 10.Bxe6+

10.BxN is still good, leaving black with doubled pawns.

10...Kxe6 11.0-0 Nd4 12.Na3 Rg8
13.c3 Nf5 14.Nc4 Nh4 15.g3 Nf3+ 16.Kg2
Nh4+ 17.Kh3 Nf5 18.f4 Bd6 19.fxe5 fxe5
20.d3 Rg6 21.Bd2 Rag8 22.Rae1 Nxc3
23.hxg3 Rxc3+ 24.Kh2

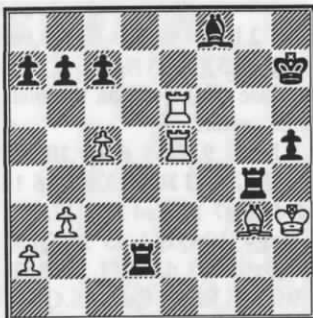
If the king goes forward instead, mate in 6 follows.

24...Rxd3 25.Bf4 Rd5 26.Rf2 Rg4
27.Kh3 h5 28.Bg3? Rxc4

Could this gift be a turning point?
29.Rfe2 Rg4 30.Re3 Kf5 31.b3 Kg5?

31...e4 would have secured the advantage. No turning point after all.

32.c4 Rd2 33.c5 Bf8 34.Rxe5+ Kh6
35.Re6+ Kh7 36.R1e5



36...Rdd4?

The following variation would have kept black in the game. 36...Rg7 37.Rxh5+ Kg8
38.Be5 Rd3+

37.Rxh5+ Kg8 38.Be5 Rde4 39.Rh8+
Kf7 40.Rf6+ Ke7 41.Rhxf8 Rg7 42.Bxc7
Re1 43.Bd6+?

This wins, but after 43.Bd8 it's mate in 4.
43...Kd7 44.R8f7+ 1-0

McCourt,D (1644) - McBroom,W (1614)
Pirc Defense [B09]
UCCC Spring Open

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.f4 Bg7
5.Be2

A little passive. In the three pawns attack of the Pirc, the bishop more often gives check at b5 or goes to d3.

5...Nbd7 6.Be3 c5 7.dxc5



7...dxc5

This trade allows white to push the knight around. 7...Qa5, threatening ...Nxe4 is stronger.

8.e5 Ng8 9.Nf3 Nh6 10.h3

10.Qd5 looks better.

10...Nf5 11.Bf2 e6 12.Ne4 b6 13.g4 Nd4
14.Nd6+ Ke7 15.Bxd4 cxd4 16.Nxd4
Qc7?

16...Kf8 was necessary.



17.Bf3 Ba6 18.Nc6+ Kf8 19.Nb4 Bc4

20.Nxc4?

White should have left that great knight where it was and just taken the rook like a thief. But it's hard to argue with success.

20...Rd8 21.Nc6 Nxe5 22.Nxd8 Nxf3+

22...NxN was better. This gets the white queen to a great square.

23.Qxf3 Qxc4 24.0-0-0 Bxb2+ 25.Kxb2
Qb4+ 26.Qb3 Qxf4 27.Rhf1 Qe5+ 28.Kb1
Kg7 29.Rxf7+ 1-0

Carpenter,R (1931) - Jensen,M (1894)
Queen's Gambit Accepted [D26]
UCCC Closed

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 e6
5.Bxc4 a6 6.Bd3

ECO recommends waiting until black forces this retreat with ...b5.

6...c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qc2
Qe7 10.Nc3 Nb4 11.Qb1 Nxd3 12.Qxd3
b5 13.Rd1 0-0 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Qe2 Qc7
16.Rac1 Ng4



17.b4?

Saving the pawn with 17.h3 was better.

17...Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Qxh2+ 19.Kf1 Qh5

20.Qf4 e5 0-1

White is hurting, and even though no knock-out punch is at black's disposal, Romie resigns.

Moore,S (1653) - Gisselbeck,D (1342)
Evans Gambit [C51]
UCCC Spring Open

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4
5.c3 Be7 6.d4 d6 7.0-0 a6 8.Ba3 b5 9.Bd5
Bd7 10.dxe5 Rc8 11.exd6 cxd6 12.e5 dxe5
13.Re1 Bxa3 14.Nxa3 Qf6 15.Nxe5 Nxe5
16.Qd4 Ne7 17.Rxe5 0-0 18.Bb7 Rcd8
19.Rae1?

19.Reel is better.



19...Bc6! 20.Qb6 Qxe5 21.Rf1 Qd6 0-1

McCourt,D (1654) - Jensen,M (1894)
King's Indian Defense [E92]
UCCC Closed

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8
Rxd8



9.Nxe5 Nxe4 10.Nxf7 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3
Kxf7 12.0-0 Bf5 13.c5 Nxc5 14.Bg5 Re8
15.Bc4+ Be6 16.Be2 Nbd7 17.f4 Kg7 18.g4
Ne4 19.Bh4 Nxc3 20.Bf3 Bd5 21.f5 Bxf3
22.Rxf3 Nd5 23.Rd3 c6 24.Rf1 Re3 25.f6+
Kf7 26.Rxe3 Nxe3 27.Re1 Nd5 28.g5 Re8
29.Rb1 b6 0-1

Carpenter,R (1931) - McCourt,C (1458)
Queen's Gambit Accepted [D25]
UCCC Closed

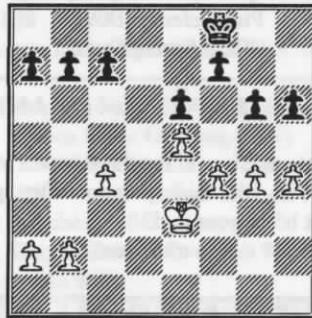
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 Nc6
5.Bxc4 e5 6.0-0 Bg4? [6...exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7]
7.Qb3



7...Bxf3? 8.Bxf7+ Kd7 9.Qe6#

McCourt,D - Moore,S
Queen Pawn Opening [D00]
UCCC Closed

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e4 Nxe4 4.Nxe4
dxe4 5.Bc4 Nd7 6.c3 Nf6 7.Bg5 e6 8.Qc2
h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Qxe4 Bd6 11.Nf3 0-0
12.Bd3 g6 13.0-0 Rb8 14.Rfe1 Bd7 15.Ne5
Bxe5 16.Qxe5 Qxe5 17.Rxe5 Rfe8 18.f4
Kg7 19.Rae1 Rbd8 20.Kf2 Bc6 21.g4 Rd5
22.Bc4 Rxe5 23.Rxe5 Rd8 24.h4 Bd5
25.Bxd5 Rxd5 26.Ke3 Kf8 27.c4 Rxe5+
28.dxe5



Ke7 29.Kd4 Kd7 30.b4 b6 31.a4 c6
32.b5 c5+ 33.Ke4 Ke7 34.f5 g5 35.hxg5
hxg5 36.Kf3 Kd7 37.Ke3 Kc7 38.fxe6 fxe6
39.Kd3 Kb7 40.Kc3 a6 41.Kb3 axb5
42.axb5 Kc7 1/2-1/2



Class prize winners Mel Drake and
Ariel Mayer at the Barto Memorial

McBroom,W (1613) - Moore,S (1653)
King's Indian Attack [A08]
UCCC Spring Open

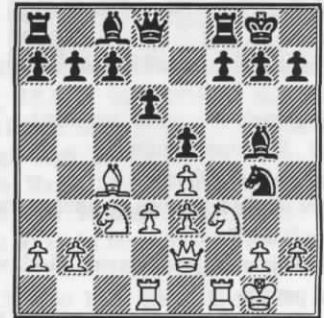
1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.g3 Ne7 5.Bg2
g6 6.Ng3 Nbc6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.c3
b5 10.Nf1 a5 11.Be3 d4 12.cxd4 Nxd4
13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Qb3 Ba6 15.Bh6 Re8

16.Ne3 Rc8 17.Ng4 Bg7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7
19.Qc3+ Qd4 20.Qxa5 1/2-1/2



Shughart,M (1150) - McCourt,C (1476)
Philidor's Defense [C41]
UCCC 1st Summer Open

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7
5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 Nc6 7.Be3 Ng4 8.Qe1 Nb4
9.Rd1 Nxc2 10.Qe2 Nxc3 11.fxe3 Bg5



12.Nd5 c6 13.Rc1? cxd5 14.Bxd5
Bxe3+ 15.Kh1 Bxc1 16.Rxc1 Rb8 17.b3
Be6 18.Bc4 Bxc4 19.Rxc4 Rc8 20.Nd2 Nf6
21.Qf3 Rxc4 22.Nxc4 Qc8 23.Ne3 Qc1+
24.Nd1 h5 25.a4 Ng4 26.h3 Qxd1+
27.Qxd1 Nf2+ 28.Kg1 Nxd1 29.Kf1 f5
30.Ke2 Nc3+ 31.Kd2 Nxe4+ 32.dxe4 fxe4
33.Ke3 d5 34.b4 Rd8 35.g4 d4+ 36.Kxe4
d3 37.Kxe5 d2 38.gxh5 d1Q 39.h6 Re8+
40.Kf5 Qf1+ 41.Kg4 Re4+ 0-1

Christopher,S (1429)-Nowak,G (2200)
Birds Opening
1998 Midsummer Open

1.f4 Nf6 2.b3 g6 3.Bb2 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0
5.e3 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.fxe5 Ng4

Making use of the pin on the bishop to
redefine the center.

8.Nc3 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.0-0 Be6
11.Rb1 Nd7 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Bf3 c6 14.Ne4
Nb6 15.Nd6 Re7 16.Ne4 Rc7 17.Nc5 Qe8
18.Bg4 Bxg4 19.Qxg4 f5 20.Qh3 Nd7
21.Nxd7 Qxd7 22.d3 Bf8 23.Bb2 Bg7
24.Rf2 Rf8 25.Rb1 Qd6 26.Qh4 Rcf7
27.d4 e4 28.Qf4?

Maybe 28. c4 instead here.



28... Qxf4 29.exf4

White can't recapture with the rook due to ...Bh6.

29...c5 30.Rd1 Rd8 31.c3 cxd4 32.cxd4 Rfd7 33.Rfd2 Rc7 34.Re1 Kf7 35.Kf2 Bf8 36.a3 Ke6 37.Ke3 Kd5 38.Rc1 Rxc1 39.Bxc1 Rc8 40.Bb2 Bh6 41.g3 g5 42.Rf2 Rc6 43.Rd2 Rb6 44.b4 Rc6 45.h3 b5 46.h4 gxf4+ 47.gxf4 Rg6 48.Rc2 Rg3+ 49.Kf2 Rg4 50.Rc5+ Kd6 51.Rxf5 Rxf4+ 52.Rxf4 Bxf4 53.Bc3 h5 54.Kg2 Kd5 55.Ba1 Be3 56.Kf1 Bxd4 57.Bxd4 Kxd4 58.Ke2 e3 59.Ke1 Kd3 60.Kd1 e2+ Resigns

Erickson,R (1716) - Stripes,J (1388)
Sicilian - Kalashnikov [B32]
1998 Midsummer Open

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nf5 d6
Equalizing more easily is 5...d5 6.Qxd5 Qxd5 7.dxQ BxN 8.dxn bc6.
6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nxe4?!



...BxN is safer and probably stronger.

8.Nxg7+ Bxg7 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.c3 Nd4? 11.Nxd6+ Ke7 12.Nxf7 Rf8 13.Bg5+ Bf6 14.Bxf6+ Kxf6 15.Nd6 Be6 16.Ne4+ Ke7 17.Bxe6 Nxe6 18.Qd6+ Kf7 19.Qd7+ Kg8

And black is castled.

20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.0-0 Rae8 22.Qb3 Qa6 23.Rad1 Rg8 24.Rd6 b6 25.Nf6 Rxc2+ 26.Kxc2 Qb7+ 27.f3 Qg7+ 28.Kf2 Rf8 29.Rg1 1-0

Rodriguez,A (unr.) - Stripes,C (unr.)
Alekhine's Defense [B02]
1998 Midsummer Open

One of the first lessons newcomers must learn is the relative value of the pieces. Here Augusto takes advantage of some bargain trades that Caleb offers him.

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Ne4 3.Qf3 Nc5 4.d4 Ne6 5.Be3 c6 6.Bc4 Qa5+ 7.c3 d5 8.b4 Qa3? 9.Nxa3 dxc4 10.Rd1 Nc7 11.Ne2 e6 12.Nxc4 Nb5 13.a4 Nxc3 14.Nxc3 Bxb4 15.0-0 Bxc3 16.Nd6+ Kd8 17.Qxf7 Bd7 18.Rb1 Kc7 19.Rxb7+ Kd8 20.Bg5# 1-0

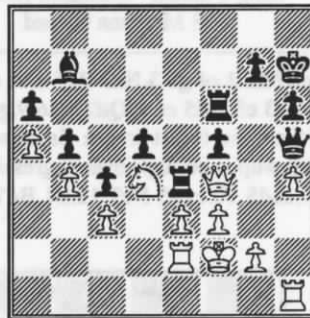
McCourt,D (1644) - Nowak,G (2200)
[D02]
1998 Midsummer Open

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 a6 5.c3 Nf6 6.h3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.Bxd6

This shows white's 6th move to be a waste of time. With the rook pawn on its original square, retreating the bishop would now be a good choice.

8...Qxd6 9.0-0 10.Nbd2 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Be2 Be6 14.Nf3 Qc7 15.Re1 Rad8 16.Qb1 Ne4 17.Qc1 f5 18.b4 c4 19.Nd4 Bc8 20.Bf3 Rd6 21.Ne2 Ng5 22.Nd4 Nxf3+ 23.Nxf3 Rg6 24.Kf1

24.Qd2, eyeing d5, is better.
24...b6 25.Qd2 Bb7 26.Qd4 Re8 27.Qf4 Qc8 28.Nd4 Rf6 29.f3 h6 30.h4 Kh7 31.Kf2 Qd7 32.a4 Qf7 33.a5 b5 34.Re2 Qh5 35.Rh1 Re4



36.fxe4

Either 36.Qc7 or 36.Qh2 would force black to come up with a different plan.

36...fxe4 37.Qxf6 gxf6 38.Ne6 Qe5 39.Nd4 f5 40.g3 Bc8

White is paralyzed, so the Octopus can take its time in moving in for the kill.

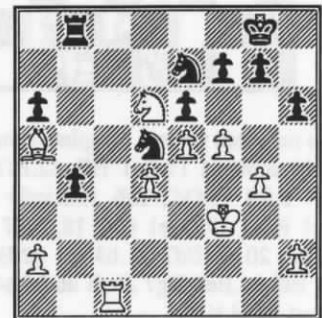
41.Rc1 Bd7 42.Ree1 Be8 43.Rc2 Bh5 44.Rec1 Qg7 45.Ne6 Qg4 46.Nf4?

This lets the queen in the front door. 46.Nd4 was necessary.

46...Qf3+ 47.Kg1 Qxg3+ 0-1

Gilbertson,E (1403) - Rodriguez,A (unr.) [D00]
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1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Nbd7 7.c4 dxc4 8.Bxc4 0-0 9.Nf3 c5 10.c3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Nxd2 a6 14.0-0 b5 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.e4 Rac8 17.Rac1 Nb6 18.Bd6 Rfe8 19.e5 Nfd7 20.Ne4 h6 21.Rc7 Rxc7 22.Bxc7 Nd5 23.Nd6 Ra8 24.Rc1 Nf4 25.Bf1 Bd5 26.g3 Ng6 27.Bg2 Ne7 28.Ba5 Bxg2 29.Kxg2 Nd5 30.f4 Rb8 31.Rc6 Ra8 32.Kf3 Nf8 33.g4 Ng6 34.f5 Nge7 35.Rc1 Rb8 36.Bc7 Ra8 37.Ba5 b4 38.Rb1 Rb8 39.Rc1

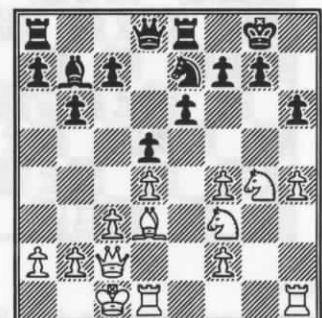


39...Nc3 40.Bxb4 Nxa2 41.Rc7 Nd5 42.Rxf7 Naxb4 43.fxe6 Rf8 44.Ke4 Rxf7 45.exf7+ Kf8 46.e6 a5 47.Nb7 a4 48.Nc5 a3 49.Nd7+ Ke7 50.f8Q+ 1-0

Erickson,R (1716) - Sweeney,T (1279)
London System[D02]
1998 Midsummer Open

Ron gets the dream setup and an unstoppable kingside attack in his London System.

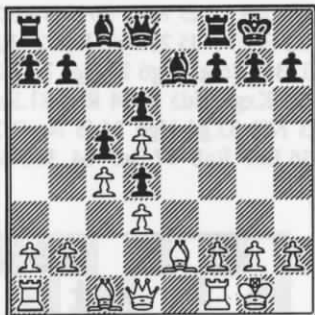
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.Bf4 Nc6 4.e3 e6 5.c3 Be7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.Nbd2 b6 8.Qc2 Bd6 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.h4 h6 11.Ndf3 Re8 12.g4 Nxc4 13.Nxc4 Bxf4 14.exf4 Ne7 15.0-0-0



15...Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Qxf5 Re6 18.Nfe5 Qe7 19.Rdg1 Rf8 20.Qh5 Qd6 21.f5 Rf6 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Nd7 Qe7 24.Qxh6 f6 25.Nxf8 Kxf8 26.Qh8+ 1-0

Stuckey,R (1271) - Rodriguez,A (unr.)
 English-Symmetrical [A35]
 1998 Midsummer Open

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 e5 4.e4 Nf6
 5.d3 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Nd5 Nxd5
 9.exd5 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4



(It's not often you see complete symmetry after 10 moves.) 11.Re1 Bf5 12.Bf1 Qd7 13.Bf4 Rfe8 14.Qd2 Bf6 15.Rxe8+ Rxe8 16.Re1 Rxe1 17.Qxe1 Qe7 18.Qxe7 Bxe7 19.f3 h6 20.g4 Bd7 21.b3 g5 22.Bd2 f5 23.h3 Bf6 24.Be2 Kg7 25.f4 a6 26.a4 fxg4 27.Bxg4 Bxg4 ½-½

Stubberud,K (1993) - Mayer,Z (1964)
 New St. George [A40]
 1998 Montana Closed

This was the final, decisive game of the tournament.

1.d4 b5 2.c3 e6 3.e4 a6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.Nf3 c5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Qe2 Be7 8.h3 Nc6 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Ne5 11.Nd2 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Qb6 15.f4 d6 16.Bf2 Qc7 17.Rae1 Nd7 18.Qg3 Nc5 19.Qg4 Nd3 20.Re3



20...Nxf2

Zygmund, needing only a draw for the championship, decides against grabbing the b2 pawn and possibly falling prey to a kingside blitz.

21.Rxf2 Bf6 22.N2f3 Rad8 23.e5 dxe5 24.fxe5 Bxf3 25.Nxf3 Be7 26.Nd4 Bg5 27.Re4 Qb7 28.Qf3 Qd5 29.h4 Be7 30.a3

f5 31.exf6 Rxf6 32.Qe3 Rxf2 33.Kxf2 Qa2 34.Qe2 Rf8+ 35.Kg1 Qb1+

Also possible was 36.Kh2 Bd6+ 37.g3 Rf1 38.Rg4 Rh1+ 39.Kg2 Qg1+.

36.Qe1 Qxb2 37.Rxe6 Rf7 38.a4 Bf6 39.Nf5 Bxc3 40.Re8+



Kip must have missed the following interesting line. 40.Nxh6+! gxN 41.Re8+ Rf8 (Any other move and it's mate in 4). 42.Qe6+ Kh7 (Again, other moves lead to forced mate beginning with Re7+.) 43.RxR, with advantage to white. The text move should have lost, but Zygmund falls asleep at the switch.

40...Rf8??

A heartbreaker for black, a heartwarmer for white. Instead, a line like 40...Kh7 41.Qe4 g6 42.Re7 Rxe7 43.Nxe7 Bd4+ 44.Kh1 Qc1+ 45.Kh2 Bg1+ 46.Kh3 Qe3+ would win for black.

41.Qe6+ Kh7 42.Rxf8 1-0

Suits,T (2015) - Jensen,J (1913)
 King's Indian - Saemisch [E88]
 1998 Montana Closed

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.Qd2 Na6 9.g4

A thematic thrust in the Saemisch, but the followup is perhaps over aggressive.

9...cxd5 10.cxd5 Nc7 11.h4 Bd7 12.h5 b5



13.hxg6 fxg6 14.a3 a5 15.Rc1 Qb8 16.Bd3 b4 17.Na2 b3 18.Nc3 Nb5 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.Bxb5 Qxb5 21.Ne2

White must be on guard for 21.Rc3?



Ex-Champion Thad Suits, booking up for the unsuccessful defense of his title.

Nxg4! 22.fxN? Rf1++

21...Rac8 22.Nc3 Qa6 23.Qe2 Qb7 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.Nxb5 Rxc1+ 26.Bxc1 Rc8 27.Kd1 Bf8 28.Re1 a4 29.Re3 Rc5 30.Na7?

30.Nc3 holds.

30...Nd7 31.Nc6

How can a knight be misplaced on c6? This one is.

31...Bh6 32.Rc3 Rxc3 33.bxc3 Bxc1 34.Kxc1 Nc5 35.c4 Nd3+ 36.Kb1 Kf8 37.Na5 Ke7 38.g5 Ne1 0-1

Hansen,D (1641) - Hoene,H (1777)
 Italian Game [C50]
 1998 Montana Closed

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 d6 4.0-0 Na5 5.Bb3 Nxb3 6.axb3 Nf6 7.d3 c5 8.h3 Be7 9.c4 0-0 10.Nc3 a6 11.Bd2 Bd7 12.Ne1 h6 13.f4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Kh8 15.Nf3 Rg8 16.Kf2 Nh5 17.Bh2 g6 18.Ke2 Nf6 19.Qd2 Qf8 20.Kd1 g5 21.e5 Ne8 22.Nd5 Be6 23.Ne3 dxe5 24.Nxe5 Bd6 25.Qc3



25...Qg7? 26.Kc2?

Doug misses 26.Rxf7! Bxf7 27.NxB Kh7

28.NxB, winning the piece.

26...f6 27.N5g4 h5 28.Bxd6 hgx4
29.hgx4 Qg6 30.Rh1+ Kg7 31.Bxc5 Rc8
32.Bd4 Rf8 33.Raf1 Nd6 34.Qe1 Nb5
35.Bc3 Rc6 36.cxb5

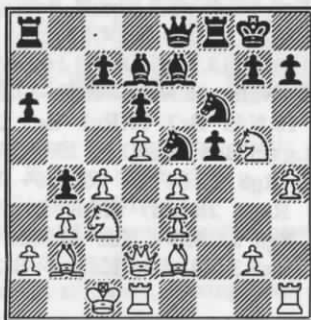
Tripled pawns, but who's counting?

36...axb5 37.b4 Qf7 38.Kd2 Bb3
39.Nf5+ 1-0

Duke,D (1824) - McCourt,D (1646)
English [A27]
1998 Montana Closed

Dan McCourt found himself short on time in most of his games, losing two of them by not making time control. In this one, time pressure appears to have forced its share of inexactitudes near the end.

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 f5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 e4
5.Ng5 Be7 6.h4 Nf6 7.e3 0-0 8.b3 d6 9.Bb2
Bd7 10.Be2 Qc8 11.Qd2 a6 12.0-0-0 Qe8
13.d5 Ne5 14.f3 b5 15.fxe4 b4



16.Nb1 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Qxb4
Nd3+ 19.Bxd3 exd3 20.Qc3 Bf6 21.Qxd3
Bxb2+ 22.Kxb2 Bf5 23.Qd4 a5 24.Nc3 Qd7
25.Rde1 Rfb8 26.e4 Bg4 27.e5 dxe5
28.Rxe5 a4 29.Rhe1 axb3 30.axb3 Rf8
31.Re7 1-0

Duke,D (1824) - Brennan,L (1811)
English [A18]
1998 Montana Closed

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 d4
5.exf6 dxc3

A fun double-edged slice.



6.bxc3 Qxf6 7.d4 c5 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.cxd4
Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 0-0 12.Bd3
Nc6 13.0-0 g6 14.Be4 Bd7 15.Rab1 Rab8
16.Rb3 b6 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qxe5
19.Rd3 Qxe4 20.Rxd7 Rb7 21.Rd4 Qe5
22.Re1 Qg7 23.h4 e5 24.Rd5 Re7 25.h5
gxh5 26.Re3 Re6 27.Rd7 a5 28.Rd6 Qf6
29.Rg3+ Kh8 30.Rf3?



Why, David, oh why did you not throw away your game against me in this way? (Look for Duke-Suits in the next newsletter.)

30...Rxd6 31.Qe2 Qg7 0-1

Stubberud,K (1993) - Brennan,L (1811)
Queen's Gambit - Exchange [D35]
1998 Montana Closed

Kip falls into a simple tactical trap that would cause any self-respecting State Champion to renounce his title.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Qa5 8.Qc2 Bb4
9.Nge2 0-0 10.a3 Bd6 11.0-0 Re8 12.b4
Qc7 13.Bf4 a6 14.Rfc1 Bxf4 15.Nxf4 Qd6
16.Rcb1 Nf8 17.Na4 Ne6 18.Nb6 Rb8
19.Ne2 g6 20.a4 Qc7 21.Nxc8 Rbxc8
22.Rc1 Ng4 23.Ng3 Qd6

Montana State Champions, 1935-1998

E. A. Edwards, Ivan Budaeff	1935
K. Neilson, A. Hammer	1936
Douglas Graham	1937
H. L. Maury, R.R. Frazier	1938
J. W. Murray, H.L. Hayward	1939
J. vanTeylingen, D.Graham	1940
J. vanTeylingen	1941
D. Graham E. Peterson	1942
Gerald Moore	1943
G. Moore, G. Zimmerman	1944
No tournament -WWII	1945
J. vanTeylingen, G. Moore	1946
J. vanTeylingen, G. Moore	1947
G. Moore, J. vanTeylingen, Dipaula	1948
B. Copping, H. L. Maury	1949
A. Smith, G. Sheridan	1950
A. Smith, J. vanTeylingen	1951
A. Smith, J. vanTeylingen	1952
J. vanTeylingen, R. Southern	1953
Gerald Moore, John Barto	1954
R. Edberg, Dr. A. Smith	1955
R. Edberg, Dr. A. Smith	1956
V. Pupols Dr. A. Smith	1957
Dr. Peter Lapikan, Dr. A. Smith	1958
Dr. Peter Lapikan	1959
Gerald Moore, Ellak Papp	1960
E. Papp, P. Lapikan	1961
Don Devore, Peter Erwin	1962
P. Lapikan, W. Albert	1963
Ted Brown, P. Lapikan	1964
P. Lapikan, W. Albert	1965
Wally Albert, Mike Murray	1966

P. Lapikan, Mike Murray	1967
E. McCasky, D. Berkoff	1968
P. Lapikan, Dan Rogers	1969
Tal Hum, D. Reynolds	1970
P. Lapikan, L. Meierding	1971
Larry Ross, James Ostby	1972
Wally Albert, Ken Shinn	1973
Larry Ross, Otto Grosse	1974
Jim Loy, Tom Kalaris	1975
R. Goble, L. Meierding	1976
J. Temple, R. Barajas	1977
Marc Lynn, Bill Lynch	1978
Ken Shinn	1979
Kip Stubberud	1980
Guthrie, Stubberud, James R. Loy	1981
James R. Loy	1982
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William M. Lynch	1984
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John C. Thompson	1986
Thompson, Stubberud, Ron Erickson	1987
Romie Carpenter	1988
Michael Jensen	1989
Kip Stubberud	1990
Zygmund Mayer	1991
Gregory Nowak	1992
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Michael Jensen	1995
Jim Skovron, Zygmund Mayer	1996
Thad Suits	1997
Les Brennan, Stubberud	1998



24.h3? Nxe3 25.Qc3 Ng7 26.Re1 Re6
27.Bb1 Nc4 28.Ne4 Qe7 29.Ba2 Rxe4
30.Bxc4 dxc4 0-1

Mayer,Z (1964) - Skovron,J (1933)
New St. George [A00]
1998 Montana Closed

1.b4 e5 2.a3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Bd6
5.c4 c6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qc2 Re8
9.Be2 b6



10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Nb5 Nb8 12.Nxd6
And now, with both defenders of e5
surgically removed, Zygmund is ready for
the pawnectomy.

12...Qxd6 13.Bxe5 Qe7 14.0-0 Nbd7
15.Bd4 Qd6 16.Rac1 Nf8 17.Qb2 Ng6
18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Bb5 Re6 20.Nd4 Re5
21.f4 Rh5 22.Rc6 Qd8 23.Qc3 Bg4 24.f5
Ne5 25.Rc7 Qd6 26.Rc8+ Rxc8 27.Qxc8+
Kg7 28.h3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Nc6 30.Rf3
Nxd4 31.exd4 Qe7 32.Qe8 Rg5+ 33.Kh1
Qc7 34.Qc6 Qe7 35.Re3 1-0

McCourt,D (1646) - Hoene,H (1777)
Queen Pawn Opening [D02]
1998 Montana Closed

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4+
5.c3 Bd6 6.Bg3 Nf6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Be2 h6
9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Ndf3 Ne4 11.Nxd7 Qxd7
12.Ne5 Qe7 13.Bf3 f6 14.Nd3 c6 15.Bxd6
Qxd6 16.0-0 a5 17.Be2 e5 18.f3 Ng5 19.h4
Ne6 20.f4 Bxd3 21.Bxd3



21...exf4 22.exf4 Nxf4 23.Bf5 Rae8
24.Qg4 Ne2+ 25.Kh1 Ng3+ 26.Kg1 Nxf5
27.Rxf5 Re4 28.Qh3 Rfe8 29.Raf1 Qe6
30.Qg3 Rf8

But white had missed time control. 0-1

Moore,S (1640) - Pollette,D (unr.)
Queen Pawn Opening [D02]
1998 Barto Memorial

Back to chess after many years away
from it, Dan Pollette proves he will be a
force to reckon with.

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 c4 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nbd2 b5 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 g6 8.0-0 Bg4
9.h3 Bf5 10.Ne1 Qd7 11.Kh2 b4 12.g4
Qc7+ 13.f4 Bd7 14.e4 e6 15.Qe2 Be7
16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxc4 h5



18.Kg1 bxc3 19.Bxd5 cxb2
19.exb was better.
20.Bxb2 exd5 21.Ne5 hxg4 22.hxg4
Rb8 23.N1d3 Rh4 24.Rac1 f6?
24.Qd6 would have held a slight edge.
25.Nxd7?



25.NxN was necessary. The threat
against g4 is an illusion.

25...Qxd7 26.f5 gxf5 27.Rxf5? Qd6?
Missing the tactical trick 27.RxB! NxR
28.Nxd4

28.Nf4 Kd7?
Sherwood doesn't miss the cruncher this
time.

29.Rxd5 Rg8 30.Rxd6+ Ke8 31.Rdxc6
Rhxg4+ 32.Qxg4 Rxd6+ 33.Ng2 Re4
34.Re1 Rg4 35.Rc7 Rg7 36.Ba3 1-0

Drake,M (1286) - Bailey,A (unr.)
Queen's Gambit - Exchange [D06]
1998 Barto Memorial

Newcomer Andrea Bailey had five hard-
fought games against some experienced
players but the wins eluded her. Judging
from her play here it won't be long before
she starts chalking up the upsets.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5 d4
5.Nb5 Ng8 6.Nf3 c6 7.Nbxd4 Be6 8.Qc2
Nd7 9.Bf4 f6 10.Qe4 Bxc4 11.exf6+ Ne7
12.f7+ Bxf7 13.Ne6 Qa5+ 14.b4 Qf5
15.Qxf5 Nxf5 16.Nc7+ Kd8 17.Nxa8
Bxb4+ 18.Nd2 Bc3 19.Rc1 Be5 20.g4
Bxf4 21.gxf5 Bd5 22.Rg1 g5 23.Nf3 Bxc1
24.Nxg5 Rg8 25.h4 h6 26.Ne6+ Bxe6
27.fxe6 Rxd1 28.exd7 Kxd7 29.e3 b5
30.Ke2 Rg8 31.Bh3+ Kd6 32.Kd1 Ba3
33.Ke2 Rxa8 34.f4 c5 35.Kd3 c4+ 36.Kc3
Rc8?

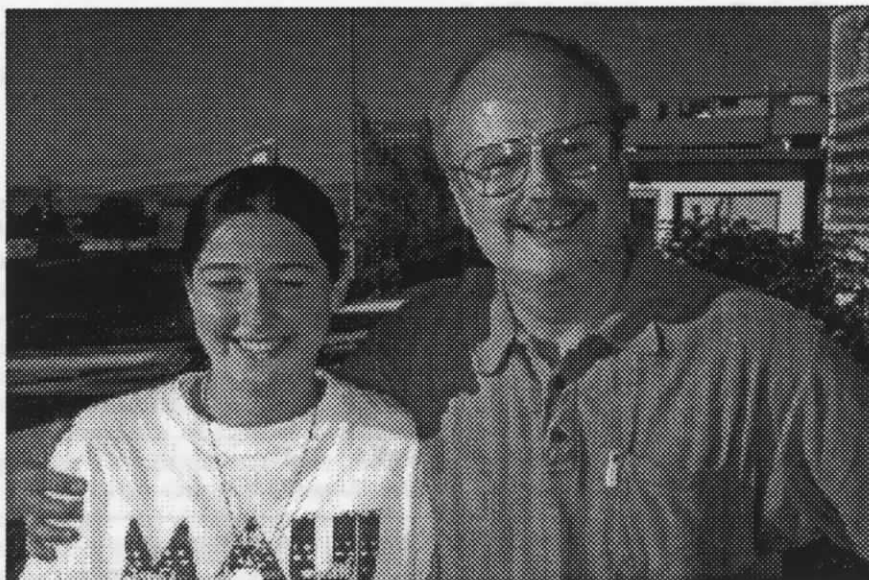
Ouch! Too bad, after playing so well.
Still, we all know that feeling of cruising,
cruising, only to wreck ourselves on an
unseen reef.

37.Bxc8 Kc5 38.e4 b4+ 39.Kc2 Kd4
40.e5 b3+? 41.axb3 c3 42.e6 Bb4 43.f5
Ke5 44.Kd3 Kxf5?

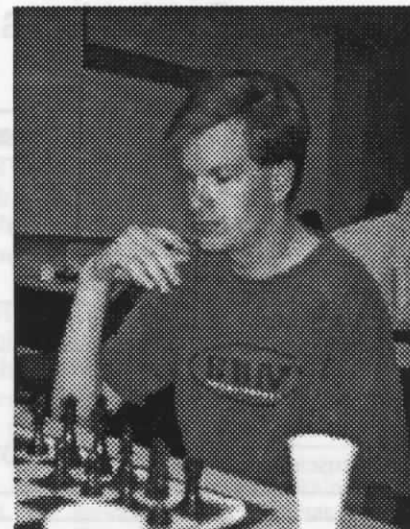


That pawn was poisoned. 44.Kf6 should
hold a draw. Andrea could resign any time
now.

45.e7+ Kf6 46.e8Q Be7 47.Kxc3 a5
48.Qc6+ Kf7 49.Qxh6 Bf6+ 50.Kc4 Bxh4
51.Qxh4 a4 52.bxa4 Kg6 53.a5 Kf7 54.a6
Kg6 55.Qg4+ Kf6 56.a7 Ke5 57.Qd4# 1-0



Andrea Bailey and Richard Stuckey after their long game.



Dan Pollette - Second place

Spaulding, J (1316) - Edmiston, R (1086)
Queen's Gambit Declined [D07]
1998 Barto Memorial

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bf4 Bf5
5.Nb5 Re8 6.Nf3 a6 7.Nc3 e6 8.cxd5 Nxd5
9.e4? Bxe4 10.Bxc7 Nxc3 11.Bxd8 Nxd1
12.Rxd1 Bb4+ 13.Ke2 Rxd8 14.a3 Ba5
15.Ng5 Bc2 16.Rc1 Ba4 17.Rc5 Bb6 0-1

Furman, D (1170) - Stuckey, R (1253)
Sicilian [B30]
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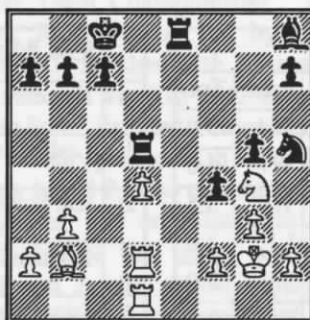
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5.d3 Bg7 6.Bd2 e6 7.a3 Nge7 8.Rb1 d5
9.exd5 exd5 10.Bb5 0-0 11.Qc1 Nd4



12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Ne2 a6 14.Ba4 b5
15.Bb3 Nf5 16.0-0 Re8 17.Nf4 Bb7 18.Re1
Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Nh4 20.Qe2 Qd7 21.g3 Nf5
22.Re1 a5 23.Qf3 a4 24.Bxd5 Bxd5
25.Nxd5 Re8 26.Kf1 Rxe1+ 27.Kxe1 Bh6
28.Bxh6 Nxh6 29.Nf6+ 1-0

Moore, S (1640) - Mayer, E (1485)
Fianchetto Opening [A01]
1998 Barto Memorial

1.b3 Nc6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bb2 d5 4.cxd5
Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qd8 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.e4 Ne5 8.Be2
Nd3+ 9.Bxd3 Qxd3 10.Qe2 Qxe2+ 11.Kxe2
0-0-0 12.Rhd1 Nh5 13.d4 g5 14.g3 Bg7
15.Nd5 e6 16.Ne3 Bxf3+ 17.Kxf3 Rhf8
18.Kg2 f5 19.exf5 exf5 20.Rd3 f4 21.Ng4
Rfe8 22.Rad1 Rd5 23.R3d2 Bh8

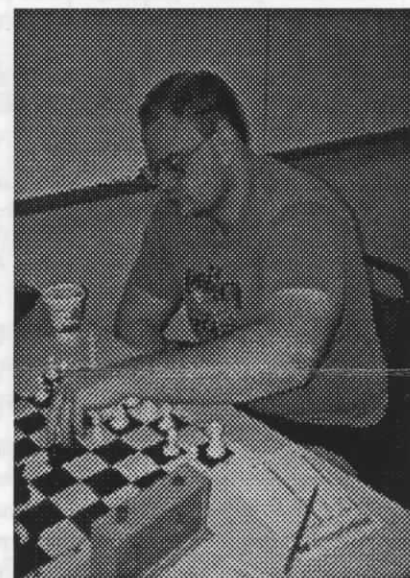


24.Ba1 Ng7? 25.Nf6? f3+ 26.Kf1 Re8
27.Nxd5 Rxd5 28.Rd3 g4 29.Re3 Rh5
30.Kg1 Kd7 31.Re4 Rg5 32.d5 h5 33.Rde1
Kd6 34.Be5+ Kd7 35.Bf6 Kc8 36.Bxg5 1-0

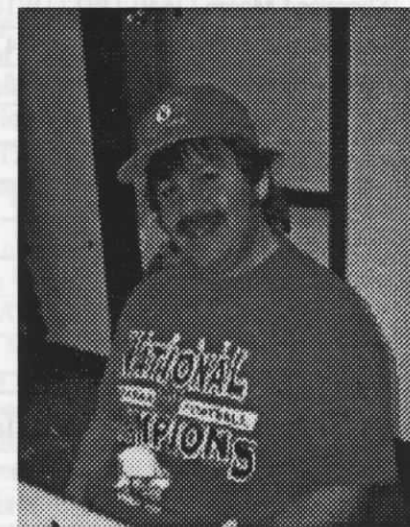
Final Note to All Newcomers:

I want to publish more of your games, but many of the scoresheets were either illegible or had impossible moves in them. Remember to keep your scoresheets legible!

Also, my thanks to Nick Doulas for helping decipher and key in some of the games featured in this issue.



Nick Doulas - U1400 trophy winner



Doug Hansen - Happy that Nebraska won even if he did not.

Tournament Tables

UCCC Closed Championship (Spring, 1998)									
#	Name	Rtng	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
1	McCourt, Daniel	1654	X	½	0	½	1	0	2
2	Moore, Sherwood	1645	½	X	½	1	½	1	3½
3	Carpenter, Romie	1931	1	½	X	1	1	0	3½
4	McCourt, Chris	1458	½	0	0	X	0	0	½
5	McBroom, William	1611	0	½	0	1	X	0	1½
6	Jensen, J. Michael	1894	1	0	1	1	1	X	4

UCCC Spring Open (May, 1998)						
#	Name	Rtng	rd1	rd2	rd3	tot
1	Moore, Sherwood	1653	L2	D3	L5	½
2	McCourt, Daniel	1644	W1	D4	W3	2½
3	McBroom, William	1613	U-	D1	L2	½
4	Carpenter, Romie	1840	U-	D2	U-	½
5	Gisselbeck, Donald	1342	U-	U-	W1	1

Midsummer Open (7/11,12/98)								
#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Nowak, Gregory	2200	W5	W2	W4	W3	W6	5
2	Erickson, Ron	1716	W8	L1	W5	D4	H-	3
3	Gilbertson, Eric	1403	W12	L4	W7	L1	W8	3
4	McCourt, Dan	1644	H-	W3	L1	D2	D5	2½
5	Stripes, James	1388	L1	W9	L2	W12	D4	2½
6	Christopher, Stephen	1429	U-	D7	W8	W9	L1	2½
7	Rodriguez, Augusto	unr.	D9	D6	L3	L8	W12	2
8	Sweeney, Timothy	1279	L2	W12	L6	W7	L3	2
9	Stuckey, Richard	1271	D7	L5	W12	L6	L10	1½
10	Gisselbeck, Donald	1342	U-	U-	U-	U-	W9	1
11	Moore, Sherwood	1653	H-	U-	U-	U-	U-	½
12	Stripes, Caleb	unr.	L3	L8	L9	L5	L7	0

UCCC First Summer Open (June-July, 1998)						
#	Name	Rtng	rd1	rd2	rd3	Tot
1	Bill McBroom	1653	W10	D3	W5	2.5
2	Don Gisselbeck	1346	L7	H---	X---	1.5
3	J Michael Jensen	1922	U---	D1	W4	1.5
4	Daniel McCourt	1644	D5	W9	L3	1.5
5	Chris McCourt	1476	D4	W10	L1	1.5
6	Romie Carpenter	1840	W9	U---	U---	1.0
7	David Shughart	1810	W2	U---	U---	1.0
8	Sherwood Moore	1653	U---	U---	W9	1.0
9	Scott Young	1269	L6	L4	L8	0.0
10	Max Shughart	1150	L1	L5	F---	0.0

Barto Memorial (9/12,13/98)								
#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Sherwood Moore	1640	W12	W10	W2	W3	W4	5.0
2	Dan Polette	unr.	W6	W4	L1	W14	W7	4.0
3	Wm. McBroom	1598	D7	W5	W14	L1	W9	3.5
4	Eriel Mayer	1485	W8	L2	W9	W12	L1	3.0
5	Melvin P Drake	1286	W16	L3	L12	W10	W11	3.0
6	J B Spaulding	1316	L2	D8	W13	L9	W15	2.5
7	Nick Doulas	1250	D3	L9	W16	W8	L2	2.5
8	Darren Furman	1170	L4	D6	W15	L7	W12	2.5
9	Rick Edmiston	1086	D14	W7	L4	W6	L3	2.5
10	William Furdell	1357	W13	L1	L11	L5	B---	2.0
11	Hal Amundsen	1277	D15	H---	W10	U---	L5	2.0
12	Richard Stuckey	1253	L1	W16	W5	L4	L8	2.0
13	Zack Furman	872	L10	B---	L6	L15	W16	2.0
14	Stanley Zedekar	1372	D9	W15	L3	L2	U---	1.5
15	Chris Warnes	unr.	D11	L14	L8	W13	L6	1.5
16	Andrea Bailey	unr.	L5	L12	L7	B---	L13	1.0

1998 Montana Closed Championship (9/12,13/98)								
#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Leslie Brennan	1811	W2	L3	W7	W8	W4	4.0
2	Kip Stubberud	1993	L1	W5	W8	W7	W3	4.0
3	Zygmund Mayer	1964	W9	W1	W4	D6	L2	3.5
4	James Skovron	1933	W10	W8	L3	W9	L1	3.0
5	Doug Hansen	1641	W7	L2	L6	W10	W9	3.0
6	Thad Suits	2015	L8	W10	W5	D3	L7	2.5
7	J Michael Jensen	1913	L5	W9	L1	L2	W6	2.0
8	David A Duke	1824	W6	L4	L2	L1	W10	2.0
9	Howard F Hoene	1777	L3	L7	W10	L4	L5	1.0
10	Daniel McCourt	1646	L4	L6	L9	L5	L8	0.0

Includes tiebreaks.

Upcoming Events

September 26.....Northern Rockies Championship

Format: 5 Round Swiss. **Site:** The Shack, 222 W. Main, in Missoula, **EF:** \$10 in advance, \$14 at door. \$3 less for under age 17. **Prizes:** \$30, \$25, \$20, \$10, Merit prizes for best Bird, Philador, King's Gambit, Andersen Openings. **Rnds:** 11:30, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, ASAP. **Advance entry:** Gregory Nowak/Hellgate Sta. Box 8572/Missoula, MT 59807.

October 10 & 11.....Chinook Open

Format: 5 Round Swiss. **Time Controls:** G/2, **Site:** University of Great Falls, Classroom Bldg., Room 203. **EF:** \$15 by 10/5, \$20 at site. State membership required, \$9, Other States OK. **Prizes:** 1st - \$100, \$20 to top in each division. **Reg:** 8:45-9:30am. **Rnds:** 10, 2, 7; 9, 1. **Advance entry:** Thad Suits, 2015 4th Ave N. Great Falls, MT 59401. No phone entries, please. NS, NC, W. Limited housing available at the *Hotel Suits* and *Chez Skovron* on a first-come-first-served basis.

October 17.....Third Annual Flathead Open Championship

Format: 5 Round Swiss. **Time Controls:** G/30. **Site:** Sunflower Bakery, Main St., Downtown Polson. **EF:** \$10 in advance, \$14 at door. \$3 less for under age 17. **Prizes:** \$30, \$25, \$20, \$10, Best under age 17 (based on 2) \$10, \$7, \$5. **Rnds:** First round at 12:00 noon. **Advance entry:** Gregory Nowak/Hellgate Sta. Box 8572/Missoula, MT 59807.

October 24th.....Simultaneous Exhibition

Site: Kalispel's Cavanaugh Mall. **Time:** 12:00 noon. Gregory ("Octopus") Nowak vs. 70 others.

Montana Postal Championship

Deadline: Entries for the 1998-1999 tournament must be received by Oct. 31st, 1998. USCF rated tournament. **EF:** \$10. **Director:** Sherwood Moore/453 Minnesota/Missoula, MT 59802. Tel. 406-728-1695.

November 14 & 15.....Turkey Open

Format: 4 Round Swiss. **Time Controls:** G/2. **Site:** University of Montana Social Science Bldg., Room 362. **EF:** \$15 by 11/12 (\$10 for juniors), \$20 at site (\$15 for juniors). State membership required, \$9, Other States OK. **Prizes:** 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50, U1800 - \$20, U1600 - \$20, U1400 - \$20 Plaque for biggest upset based on established ratings. **Reg:** 8-8:30. **Rnds:** 9, 2; 9, 2. **Advance entry:** Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota, Missoula, MT 59802. Phone (406) 728-1695. NS, NC, W.

state championship
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Great Falls rivals play in blitz marathon

Does twelve straight hours of blitz chess sound like a day well spent to you? It does to Jim Skovron and Thad Suits, who staged an all day "Grudge Marathon" at three Great Falls locations to put chess in the public eye.

In addition to the publicity which the 80-game match got (including a spot on the evening news), two rivals a unit to increase and breadth of their opening repertoires.

The play went in cycles, as it



often does with these two. Skovron dominated the morning session, but Suits came back strong in the afternoon and evening to finish several games ahead for the day.

Not every game was sharp — there were groans aplenty, the loudest coming when Suits blundered into a stalemate with a two-queen advantage — but when it was all over both players agreed that it should become an annual event.

Kip Stubberud, on shared titles...

I'm not nuts about the idea of having co-winners, but at least Suits isn't our champion anymore. That was *embarrassing*.

The Polgar Corner

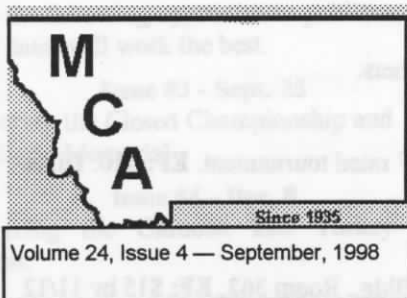
The following position is taken from the encyclopaedia *Chess* by László Polgár. How quickly can you find this mate in two? The answer is on the back page.



White to move and mate in two.

Thad Suits
2015 4th Ave N.
Great Falls, MT 59401

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Tournament Rule Tip

Checkmate takes priority over a fallen flag (USCF handbook 13A1). This means that if your move checkmates me and I then look up and see that your flag is already down, it's tough luck for me.

This is different from the normal rules of time forfeit, which require you to make time control *before* your flag falls. The aim of this difference is to avoid the following scenario: You checkmate me. I shrug my shoulders, we shake hands, and leave the board, but you don't stop your clock. Twenty minutes later, after your flag has fallen, I come back to the board and claim a win on time.

Of course, none of us would ever actually use such a sneaky trick (unless maybe it was against Stubberud), but it has happened often enough nationally to merit this "checkmate priority" rule.

Answer to "What's the Cruncher?"

From Stubberud-Jensen, 1998 Montana Open.

Stubberud crunched Jensen with 1.RxB! Jensen declined the exchange and quickly had a lost position after 1...Qg6 2.f4 Qe4 3.Qh5+. Even had he recaptured, though, white stands better after 1...Qxc5 2.Ne6 Qc4 3.Nxg8+ Kg8 4.Qh5

Answer to "The Polgar Corner" - 1.Bf6