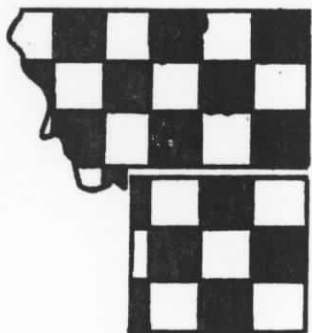


MONTANA WYOMING



CHESS NEWS

JULY 1978

KARPOV 2½ - KORCHNOI 2½

July 30 - In the match for the World Championship being played in Baguio City, Philippines, games 1 thru 4 and 6 have ended in draws to leave World Champion Anatoly Karpov and Challenger Viktor Korchnoi tied at 2½. Actually, since the title goes to the first player to score six wins, with draws not counting, the score remains 0 - 0. In game 5, which has been twice adjourned, and is scheduled to be resumed today, Korchnoi's seconds claim he has an advantage which may lead to the first decisive result of the match.

Unfortunately, Montana/Wyoming Chess News has to little space and appears too infrequently to provide full coverage of the match. For an interesting article on the pre-match maneuvers and early games see the July 31st issue of Sports Illustrated Magazine. Those of you who live nearby a library which subscribes to prominent national newspapers can find daily coverage, including complete game scores, in the New York Times or either of the Chicago papers. (The libraries receive these papers from 5 to 10 days after publication.) The Billings Gazette has been carrying small bulletins from the wire services. If your local paper has not been printing these a phone call to the publisher just might do the trick.

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT BILLINGS RIMROCK OPEN

Sponsor - Billings YMCA Chess Club
August 26-27, 1978

Place: Basement, Billings YMCA Youth Center, 3215 4th Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101
Reg: 9:00-9:45am, Entry Fee = \$5.
Rounds: 5RR 45/2hr 10:00am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm/9:30am, 2:00pm. 6 man sections determined by ratings. Lowest section 5SS for 6-12 players including non-rateds.
Member: USCF membership required, \$12 adult, \$6 junior, may join at site.
Prizes: \$30 1st ea. Section. 2nd prize in Lowest section based on entries.
Dir: Bill Lynch
Entry: Bill Lynch, 1144 Harvard Ave., Billings, MT 59102.
Notes: Rounds will be started on time. All games not completed after four hours will be adjourned. Adjourned games will be completed between rounds if possible or after Round 5.

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Sponsor - Montana Chess Association
HELENA AFB THANKSGIVING OPEN November 25-26, 1978

Full details will appear in a later issue.

Yes, this issue is again three weeks late. I plan to get back on schedule again in September, meaning the deadline for material for that issue will be August 31st. Please send all material directly to me at 1144 Harvard Ave., Billings, MT 59102-Ed.

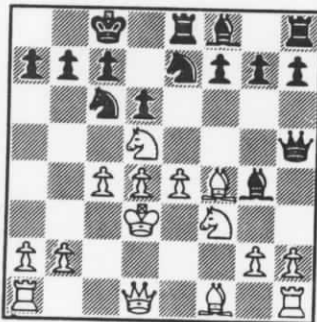
SECTION	Place	Name	Rating	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	Score	Prizes
I	1	Dave Jellison CO	2075	D3	W4	W2	D5	3-1	\$50
	2-3	Marc Lynn	1946	D6	W3	L1	W4	2½-1½	
	2-3	Bob Burley	1685	D1	L2	W5	W6	2½-1½	
	4	Steve Smith	1882	W5	L1	W6	L2	2-3	
	5	Gary McDonald CO	1618	L4	W6	L3	D1	1½-2½	
	6	Dan Finucane	1638	D2	L5	L4	L3	½-3½	

SECTION	Place	Name	Rating	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	Score	Prizes
II	1	Gordon Adamson CO	1430	W3	W5	W4	W2	4-0	\$50
	2-3	Mansour Mesdaghi	1487	L6	Bye	W5	L1	2-2	
	2-3	Rod Weikum	1554	L1	Bye½	W6	D4	2-2	
	4-6	Lee Schumann CO	1517	L5	W6	L1	D3	1½-2½	
	4-6	Roy Livingston	1426	W4	L1	L2	D6	1½-2½	
	4-6	Ira Rosenholtz	1356	W2	L4	L3	D5	1½-2½	

SECTION	Place	Name	Rating	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	Score	Prizes
III	1	David Hays	1347	W3	W2	W4	W5	4-0	\$50
	2	Arthur Birkby	1264	W6	L1	W5	W3	3-1	
	3-4	James Lannan	1250	L1	W4	W6	L2	2-2	
	3-4	James Silver	1150	W5	L3	L1	W6	2-2	
	5-6	Evan Birkby	UNR	L4	D6	L2	L1	½-3½	
	5-6	Chris Martin	UNR	L2	D5	L3	L4	½-3½	

NOVICE SECTION	Place	Name	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	Score	Prizes
	1	Bill Hays	W2	W3	W4	W2	4-0	1 Year USCF Membership
	2-3	Joe Martin	L1	W4	W3	L1	2-2	* Bill Hays bought part-*
	2-3	Dan Hays	W4	L1	L2	W4	2-2	*icipating memberships *
	4	Tom Finucane	L3	L2	L1	L3	0-4	* for his 3 opponents! *

RD4 Steve Smith(1882) - Marc Lynn(1946) KING'S GAMBIT 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 P-KB4 PxP 3 N-QB3!?(a) N-QB3?(b) 4 P-Q4(c) Q-R5ch 5 K-K2 P-Q3 6 N-Q5 B-N5ch 7 N-KB3 0-0-0 8 BxP R-K1 9 K-Q3!(d) Q-R4 10 P-B4?(e) KN-K2(f) 11 N-B3?(g) N-N3 12 B-N3 P-B4!(h) 13 P-QR3 PxPch 14 NxP P-Q4! 15 N/4-N5 PxPch 16 KxP P-KR3 17 N-R3 R-K6(i) 18 B-Q3 Q-QR4! 19 P-N4 NxP 20 BxP QxBch White Resigns. 1-0



After 10..KN-K2
 B-N3 Q-R5ch 6 K-B1 P-Q3 7 P-Q4. d White has the advantage! NxQ is now threatened. e Unnecessary. I was afraid of the harmless 10...RxP 11 KxR Q-B4ch 12 K-K3 QxN. Better was 10 B-K2. f The position is now very complicated. One of the many threats is 11...NxN 12 BPxN N-N5ch 13 K-B3 RxP! g The final and fatal mistake. 11 N-K3 or 11 P-QR3! are better. During the game I rejected 11 N-K3 because 11...N-N3 12 B-N3 RxP 13 KxR and Q-KN3mate, which is nice, but illegal! h Before, this move was harmless. Now it is lethal. The threat is 13...PxP 14 NxP N-N5ch 15 K-B3 RxN 16 KxN R-K6! and the King is worried. Also, if 13 PxP BxPch 14 K-Q2 Q-R3ch and mate in two. i Marc now weaves a mating net. Notes by Steve Smith.

My apologies for the lack of an announcement for this tournament. Plans were not complete in time for the May issue. We'll try to coordinate better in the future.- Ed.

MIDSUMMER MATING OPEN

Tournament Report

July 15-16, 1978

Place	Name	Rating	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	Score	Tie-Breaks	Prizes
1	Bill Lynch	1763	W14	W4	W10	D3	D2	4-1	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	1st Trophy
2	Bob Jordan	1529	W13	W6	D3	W9	D1	4-1	13	2nd Trophy
3	Jim Loy	1571	W17	W16	D2	D1	W6	4-1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Top C Cup
4	Andy Shuck	1343	W7	L1	W5	W11	W9	4-1	11	Top D Cup
5	Ted Anderson	1435	D9	W15	L4	W16	W10	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$		
6	Craig Selman	1322	W18	L2	W7	W10	L3	3-2	10	
7	Mark Laceky	1070*	L4	W13	L6	W17	W12	3-2	7	Top Jr Cup
8	Don Norrid	902	L16	L17	W18	W14	W11	3-2	6	
9	Gary Ritchie	1087	D5	W14	W17	L2	L4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$		
10	Gordon Shuck	1647	W15	W11	L1	L6	L5	2-3	9	
11	Howard Hoene	1469	W12	L10	W16	L4	L8	2-3	8	
12	Doug Brock	1098*	L11	W18	L14	W15	L7	2-3	6	
13	Coyle Long	1188	L2	L7	L15	W18	W14	2-3	3	
14	Otto Grosse	1320	L1	L9	W12	L8	L13	1-4	3	
15	Tom Laceky	1248*	L10	L5	W13	L12	L18	1-4	3	
16	Bruce Thompson	1341	W8	L3	L11	F5	WD	1-3	3	
17	Sam Hoomiratana	1228	L3	W8	L9	F7	WD	1-3	2	
18	Adam Laceky	UNR	L6	L12	L8	L13	W15	1-4	1	

Notes: Co-Directors were Bill Lynch and Otto Grosse.

Many thanks to George Williamson and the Great Falls Bridge Club who let us use their air-conditioned playing room on short notice.

Cumulative tie-break system was used in accord with the new USCF rule book.

We actually made a profit! I've added the \$29.45 to the MCA treasury, replacing the \$25 paid for reaffiliation with the USCF.

RD5 BD1 Bob Jordan(1529) - Bill Lynch(1763) PHILADOR 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP P-KN3 5 B-QB4 B-N2 6 O-O N-KB3 7 R-K1 O-O 8 N-QB3 R-K1 9 B-KN5 P-QB3 10 Q-Q2 Q-B2 11 QR-Q1 P-QN4? 12 N/4xQNP!?! PxN 13 BxP QN-Q2 14 BxKN BxB 15 N-Q5 Q-Q1 16 BxN BxB 17 NxBch QxN 18 QxP QxQNP 19 QxB QxQBP 20 Q-Q5 QR-QB1 21 P-B3 R-K3 22 R-Q2 Q-R4 23 R/1-K2 Drawn. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

RD5 BD2 Jim Loy(1571) - Craig Selman(1322) ENGLISH 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 g3 d6 5 d4 exd4 6 Nxd4 h6 7 Nxc6 bxc6 8 Bg2 Bd7 9 Qa4 d5 10 Qa6 Rb8 11 cxd5 c5 12 Qxa7 Qc8 13 Bf4 Bd6 14 Bxd6 cxd6 15 Qa3 Qb7 16 b3 O-O 17 O-O Qc8 18 Ne4 Nxe4 19 Bxe4 f5 20 Bf3 f4 21 Qb2 g5 22 Qc2 Rf6 23 gxf4 Bh3 24 fxf5 Rf5 25 Rfd1 Rxf5+ 26 Kh1 Bg4 27 Bxf4 Rxf4 28 Rg1 R8b4 29 f3 Black Resigns. 1-0

RD5 BD3 Andy Shuck(1343) - Gary Ritchie(1087) RETI 1 N-KB3 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 P-QN3 N-KB3 4 B-N2 B-K2 5 P-KN3 O-O 6 B-N2 N-B3 7 O-O R-K1 8 P-Q3 N-KR4 9 QN-Q2 B-B3 10 Q-B2 N-N5 11 Q-B1 BxB 12 QxB P-QB4 13 P-QR3 N-QB3 14 KR-Q1 P-Q5 15 Q-B2 B-Q2 16 N-K4 Q-K2 17 Q-B1 P-KR3 18 P-KN4 P-B4 19 NxBP QxN 20 PxN N-K4 21 P-N4 NxNch 22 BxN Q-K4 23 BxP QR-N1 24 B-B3 P-B5 25 R-K1 Q-N4ch 26 K-R1 P-K4 27 P-K3 QPxP 28 PxP PxP 29 QxP Q-B3 30 R-KB1 B-K3 31 B-B6 Black Resigns. 1-0

RD4 BD1 Bill Lynch - Jim Loy SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 f4 Qb6 7 Qd3 Nc6 8 Nb3 Nb4! 9 Qb5+ Qxb5 10 Bxb5+ Bd7 11 O-O?! Nxc2 12 Rb1 Nb4 13 Bx d7+ Nxd7 14 Nb5 Kd8 15 Bd2 Nc6 16 Bc3 Rg1 17 Rbd1 a6 18 N5d4 Bg7 19 Nxc6+ bxc6 20 e5 d5 21 Ba5+ Kc1 22 Bb4 e3 23 Rol Nb1 24 Bd6 Rd8 25 Bxb8 Kxb8 26 Rxc6 Rc8 27 Rfc1 Rxc6 28 Rxc6 Bf8 29 a3 Ra7 30 Nc5 Bxc5+ 31 Rxc5 Rc7 32 Rxc7 Kxc7 33 Kf2 Kc6 34 Ke3 a5 35 b3 Kc5 36 Kd3 h6 37 g3 g5?? (Now 38 fxf5 hxg5 39 h4 wins!) 38 Kc3??? g4! 39 Kd3 Kb5 40 Kd4 Kc6 41 Kc3 Kd7 42 Kd4 Kc6 43 Kd3 Drawn. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

RD3 BD2 Bob Jordan - Jim Loy SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Bb5+ Bd7 7 Bxd7+ Nbx d7 8 Bf5 Bg7 9 f4 O-O 10 Qf3 h6 11 Bxf6 Bxf6 12 O-O a6 13 h4 e5 14 Nde2 b5 15 Nd5 Bg7 16 g4 exf4 17 g5 hxg5 18 hxg5 Qxg5 19 Rdg1 Qe5 20 c3 Nc5 21 Ne7+ Qxe7 22 Qh3 Rfe8 23 Nxf4 Qxe4 24 Qh7+ Kf8 25 Nxf6+ fxf6 26 Rf1+ Ke7 27 Qxf7+ Kd8 28 Qf6+ Qe7 29 Rh7 Qxf6 30 Rxf6 Ne6 31 R6f7 g5 32 Rd7+ Kc8 33 Rxd6 g4 34 Rc6+ Drawn. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

I was at the Palmer House in Chicago, July 21-23, for the 1978 U.S. Class Championships. 639 participated, a few from as far away as California, but most from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. Nine Masters contended in the top section, with Chicago's own Eugene Martinovsky (2320) capturing first prize with a last round win over Tim Taylor (2377-PA) for a 4-1 score. Numbers in the other sections were Expert-30, A-66, B-134, C-147, D-136, E-70 and Unrated-47. I found the B Section plenty difficult despite a second round loss which kept me paired down every round. With two points after three rounds I still had a shot at a very nice score, but I could only squeeze out two draws on Sunday for a 3-2 score. Here are a couple of games:

RD2 BD67 Bill Lynch(1763) - Larry Agee(1677-IL) CARO KANN 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 Bd3 Bxd3 5 Qxd3 e6 6 Ne2 c5 7 c3 Nc6 8 O-O Qd7 9 f4 g6 10 Be3 c4 11 Qc2 Nh6 12 Kh1 Nf5 13 Bf2 h5 14 Nd2 Bh6 15 Nf3 Qe7 16 Rg1 h4 17 Rf1 0-0-0 18 b3 cxb3 19 Qxb3 g5 20 fxg5 Bxg5 21 Nxxg5 Qxxg5 22 Rfbl Qe7 23 c4 Kb8 24 Qa4 Qd7 25 Qb5 Nce7 26 cxd4 Qxb5 27 Rx b5 Rxd4 28 Rxd4 Nxd4 29 g4 hxg3 30 Nxxg3 Nde7 (Now I had 13 minutes for my last twenty moves, and that was my downfall.) 31 Ne4 Rc8 32 h4 Rh8 33 Rg4 Ng6 34 Nd6 Nxd6 35 exd6 Kc8 36 Bg3 Rh6 37 Kg2 f5 38 Bf4 Nxf4 39 Rxf4 Rh5 40 Kf3 Kd7 41 Ke3 Kxd6 42 Kd3 Kd5 43 Kc3 a5 44 a4 e5 45 dxe5 Kxe5 46 Rc4 b6 47 Rc6 Rxxh4 48 Rxb6 Rxa4 49 Rb5+ Ke5 50 Rb2 Ra3+ White Resigns. 0-1

RD4 BD74 Bill Lynch(1763) - Mel Hoefflin(1669-OH) SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cx d4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4(a) b5(b) 7 Bd5 Nxd5(c) 8 exd5(d) g6 9 0-0 Bg7 10 Bg5 0-0 11 Qd2(e) Bb7(f) 12 Bh6! b4 13 Bxxg7 Kxxg7(g) 14 Ne4 Qa5(h) 15 c4(i) bxc3 16 Nxc3 Nd7(j) 17 Rad1!(k) Nf6 18 Qf5 Kh8 (1) 19 Rfel! Ng8 20 Re3(m) h6 21 Rh3 Kh7 22 Rd3 Bc8 23 Rh4 Bd7 24 f4?! Qb6! 25 Rd2 Rc8 26 Qg3 Rc4 27 Qf2 R5c8(n) 28 g4 e5 29 fxe5 dx e5 30 Nf3 Qxf2+ 31 Rxf2 Rcel 32 Ng5+(o) Kg7 33 Nge4 g5 34 Rh3 Bxxg4 35 Rg3 f5 36 Nc5 Rf6 37 b4 e4? 38 N5xe4 fxe4 39 Rxxg4 Rxf2 40 Kxf2 Nf6 41 Rg3(p) Rd8 42 Ke3 Nxd5+ 43 Nxd5 Rxd5 Drawn. 1/2-1/2 Offered by Black. He would win a pawn after 44 Kxe4 Rd7, but didn't feel ready for an endgame struggle after the long defense.



After 14...Qa5

a Fischer's one time favorite. b Avoids 7 a4, which is not dangerous, and often transposes to the main line after 7Bb3 e6. However, theory says White can get a slight advantage with Bd5. c Or 7...Ra7 8 Be3 Rc7 and White leads in development and has Q-side threats. d Now White has a small, but lasting bind. e If 11 Re1 Re8 12 Qd2 Bb7 13 Bh6 then Black has Bh8 to keep his Bishop. f Re8 may be better, to keep the Bishop as in the previous note. g Not bxc3? 14 Qxc3! Kxxg7 15 Ne5+dis+ winning the Queen. If 14...Re8 15 Bh6 wins a piece. h 14...Bxd5 15 Nf5+ gxf5 16 Qxd5 Nd7 17 Qxf5 may be best, though White's pawns are better. i The attack falls just short - 15 Nf5+ gxf5 16 Qg5+ Kh8 17 Qh6 Rg8 18 Ng5 Rxxg5! (Not 18...Rg7? 19 Nxxh7! Rxxh7?? 20 Qf8mate) or 17 Qxe7 Nd7! 18 Qxd7 Qxd5! 19 Qxd6! Qxe4 and White must bail out with 20 Qf6+ Kg8 21 Qg5+ etc. j 16...Bxd5 looks good. If 17 Nb3 Bxb3! and 17 Nf5+ gxf5 18 Qxd5 Qxd5 19 Nxd5 e6 leaves White a pawn down. My analysis shows that 17 Qg5 e6 18 Qe7! regains the pawn due to a tactical threat on e6 - 18...Qd1? 19 Nxd5 exd5 20 Nxe6+! but I'm not sure I'd have found it over the board. k Now if 17...Bxd5 18 Qg5 is much stronger. l I had expected e6. m Time trouble again. This time 24 minutes for 30 moves. n 27...Nf6? 28 Rxxh6+ Kxxh6 29 Nf5+ winning the Queen. o 32 g5 is much better, saving the pawn and freeing the rook. p Rg1 is much better, to meet 41...Rd8 with 42 Rdl.

Lynn Crewse, formerly of Great Falls, now living in Wheeling, Ill., had better success in the C Section. Despite a third round draw with one of the female players in the tournament, he finished at 4 1/2 in a four way tie for third place worth \$62. In his final game, which follows, he was forced to sack a Knight to avoid another draw which would have left him at 4-1 and out of the money:

RD5 BD125 John Zube(1561-IL) - Lynn Crewse(1561) SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 f4 Nc6 3 Nf3 d6 4 Bb5 a6 5 Bxc6+ bxc6 6 Nc3 Nf6 7 d3 Rb8 8 0-0 g6 9 Kh1 Bg7 10 Qe1 0-0 11 b3 d5 12 e5 Ne8 13 Bb2 Nc7 14 Nd2 f5 15 Ne2 Ne6 16 c4 d4 17 Qg3 a5 18 Bcl a4 19 bxa4 Rb4 20 Nb3 Rxa4 21 Qf2 Bb7 22 Ng1 Qc7 23 Qc2 Rfa8 24 Nf3 Qb6 25 Nfd7 Qa7 26 a3 Bh6 ---

27 g3 Qb8 28 Bb2 Qd8 29 h4 Bf8 30 Kg2 h5 31 Ra2 Qb6 32 Rf1 Nd8 33 Nf3 e6 34 Ng5 Bc8
35 Nh3 Nf7 36 Nf2 R4a7 37 Bc1 Qc7 38 Rb1 Bg7 39 Nd2 Nxe5 40 fxe5 Bxe5 41 Nf1 f4 42
gxf4 Bxf4 43 Ne4 e5 44 Nfg3 Qe7 45 Ng5 Qd7 46 Qe2 Bxg5 47 Bxg5 Qh3+ 48 Kf2 Qh2+ 49
Ke1 Qxg3+ 50 Kd2 Rxa3 51 2Rb2 Ra2 White Resigns. 0-1

RD4 BD131 Steve Monical(1433-IL) - Lynn Crewse(1561) SICILIAN 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3
d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Nb3 Bb4 7 Bd2 d6 8 f3 0-0 9 Nb5 a6 10 Bxb4 Nxb4 11 Nc3
Be6 12 a3 Nc6 13 Qd2 Qc7 14 0-0-0 Bxb3 15 cxb3 Nd4 16 Kbl Rfd8 17 Bc4 b5 18 Nd5 Nxd5
19 Bxd5 Rac8 20 Rcl Qd7 21 b4 Rc7 22 Rxc7 Qxc7 23 Rcl Qd7 24 Ka2 Kf8 25 Qg5 h6 26 Qh5
Ne2 27 Rc6 Nf4 28 Qg4 f5 29 Qg3 Nxd5 30 exd5 Qf7 31 Rxa6 Qxd5+ 32 Kal Rc8 33 Qel Rc2
34 Qbl Qc4 35 Rxd6 Rcl White Resigns. 0-1

HOW TO BEAT A COMPUTER Jim Loy

To beat any chess player, it is handy to know what kind of moves he makes, and what kind of mistakes he makes. Different computer chess programs play differently. Chess programs range from very poor players who don't think ahead at all to very good players who consistently think many moves ahead. The good ones will stomp you into the ground unless you take lots of time and really think. I'll give you some hints about playing against a good one:

1. He won't make obvious mistakes. Most good programs consider all possible moves several moves deep. He will not overlook mate in one or two. He will not be blinded by the thrill of winning a piece. If he leaves a piece en prise, he has some good reason. Be extremely careful. He seldom drops his guard.

2. His attacks can be very strong, and his defense very accurate. He calculates most combinations very accurately. He excels in complicated tactical positions. He can sometimes switch from defense to attack with surprising efficiency.

3. He won't think on your time. Although some programs do, almost all programs do no thinking on your time. So, take your time.

4. He is probably terrible at endings. Little inaccuracies in the ending are often fatal. Programs usually make lots of mistakes in the ending. They often have no idea what they should be trying to accomplish.

5. He tends to make positional mistakes in quiet positions. It is even harder to teach a computer how to play quiet positions than it is to teach humans.

6. He may overlook quiet moves. As long as a combination involves captures and checks, the program will see everything. But, if the combination ends with a quiet surprise move, the program may think that the combination is over at the end of the last capture (just like humans).

7. He may play his openings perfectly. Many programs have memorized a sizeable "book" of openings. Most haven't memorized any of the oddball openings, just the main ones. You probably know more about your favorite openings than he does. If you are good at improvising an opening, you may have good luck with an unusual opening.

8. He may play the same game twice. Most programs don't memorize their own games, so they can't avoid the mistakes they made in the past. Their programmers may correct the mistakes though.

9. He may be impractical. If he has a choice between capturing a pawn that is en prise, and winning a pawn with a ten move combination, he may choose the ten move combo. The ten move combo may have a flaw in it. He may choose mate in several moves over mate in one. Given a choice of several ways to win, he may choose the most difficult way. For instance; he may deliberately trade off all the pawns to achieve K and Q against K and R. Then, he may be incapable of winning this ending.

10. He will not give up when losing. He will constantly be on his guard and may still play brilliant moves. So, don't drop your guard when you have an "easy win".

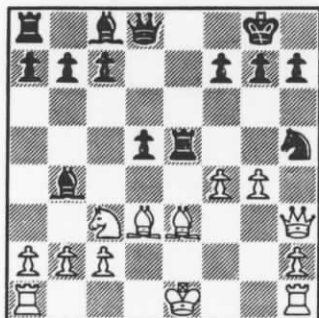
11. It is usually very difficult to predict what mistakes he will make. If you set a trap, he probably won't fall into it. Most of the time you'll just have to wait for his mistake and then try to take advantage of it.

12. To avoid getting confused or psyched out, it may be a good idea to think of him as a real human chess player.

(Jim is a Graduate Student in Computer Studies at Montana State University where he occasionally occupies himself by trying to improve his own chess playing program.)

Here, fully annotated by the defending Wyoming State Champion, Steve Smith, is the decisive game from the Wyoming Open 1978, by which he lost his title to Finucane:

RD6 BD1 Dan Finucane(1599) - Steve Smith(1895) FOUR KNIGHT'S GAME 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 N-QB3 N-B3 4 P-Q4 B-N5(a) 5 NxP NxKP 6 Q-B3(b) N-B3(c) 7 B-K3 O-O 8 B-Q3 R-K1 9 Q-N3 NxN?(d) 10 PxN N-R4 11 Q-R3 RxP 12 P-KN4 P-Q4 13 P-B4 NxBP?(e) 14 QxPch K-B1 15 O-O RxB(f) 16 RxN B-QB4 17 K-R1 B-K3 18 Q-R8ch?(g) K-K2 19 QxP Q-R1 20 Q-N5ch K-Q3?(h) 21 R-B6!' P-QB3(i) 22 Q-B4ch K-Q2 23 R-R6 Q-K4 24 QxQ RxQ 25 P-KR3 B-K6 26 R-R7 P-Q5 27 N-K2 B-Q4ch 28 K-R2 R-KN1?(j) 29 R-KB1 K-Q3 30 R-B5 RxR 31 BxR R-K1 32 K-N3 K-B4(k) 33 P-KR4 B-QB5?(l) 34 N-B4 B-QB8 35 P-N3 B-K3?(m) 36 NxB PxN 37 B-Q3 K-N3 38 P-N5 P-K4 39 B-K4 B-B5ch 40 K-N4 P-R4 41 R-N7(n) R-KB1 42 R-N6?(o) B-Q7 43 R-B6 R-KN1 44 R-B5 B-B5 45 P-R5 K-B4 46 P-R6 P-R5 47 P-R7 R-KR1 48 R-B7?(p) P-N4 49 R-KN7 K-N5 50 R-N8 RxRP 51 BxR K-R6 52 PxP PxP 53 R-QB8(q) KxP 54 RxP K-N7(r) 55 P-N6 B-R3 56 R-B7 P-R6 57 B-N8



After 13 P-B4

P-K5 58 R-Q7 KxP 59 RxP P-K6 60 K-B3 K-N7 61 R-Q3 P-R7 62 BxP KxB 63 RxP BxR Black Resigns. 1-0

a Usual is PxP. b 6 Q-N4 N/5xN 7 QxNP R-B1 8 P-QR3 B-R4 9 NxN QPxN 10 Q-K5ch Q-K2 11 QxQ KxQ 12 B-Q2 B-B4= c Also possible was...Q-K2 7 QxN P-Q3. d Wins a pawn, but at too great a cost. Better is P-Q3. e BxP! 14 QxB RxBch 15 K-Q2 (If 15 K-B2 B-B4!) N-B3 16 Q-N2 P-Q5 17 QR-KN1 RxBch 18 PxR PxNch 19 PxP B-B1 f Not 15...NxB 16 Q-R8ch K-K2 17 RxPch KxR 18 QxQ RxB 19 R-B1ch K-N3 20 PxN followed by Q-R4 and Q-R5mate. If 15...R-R4 16 PxR Q-N4ch 17 K-B2 Q-N7ch 18 K-K1 and the Bishop holds everything. g 18 R/1-KB1! and Black is in deep trouble. h 20...K-Q2! because Black has R-R6 and/or B-Q3. i 22 QxQPch was threatened. j Black is trying to checkmate White! A much better plan is to advance his Q-side pawns. k Black is hopelessly adrift without a plan. Advancing the Q-side pawns is probably good for at least a draw. l Black is in severe time pressure, and White is also short of time. m Throws away all drawing chances. 35...BxNch was best. n The Rook pawn can now advance at will. o More consistent is P-R5 B-Q7 43 P-R6 R-B5ch 44 K-R5 RxB 45 P-R7 R-K8 46 K-N6 R-KR8 47 R-N8 P-K5 48 P-R8=Q RxQ 49 RxR P-K6 50 R-K8. (This looks good, but Black has the better of it with 47...BxP! After 48 KxB RxP Black is winning, and 48 P-R8=Q PxQ 49 RxR B-B5 also looks good for Black. - Ed.) p 48 RxB! PxR 49 KxP followed by P-N6, N7. q Clearer is 53 R-QN8, then use the K and B to advance the N-pawn and mop up Black's pawns. r Black plays on in hopes of a miracle.

You will have noticed several format changes this issue, particularly in the presentation of games. These are all designed to bring you more material in the available space. Let me know if there is anything you particularly dislike, or like, as there is still plenty of room for improvement, and I plan to continue making changes to make M/WCN more useful to you. - Ed.

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