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JIM LOY RECLAIMS SOLE POSSESSION OF MONTANA TITLE

MSU OPEN

Sponsor - Montana Chess Association

Sept. 25-26, 1982

Place: 1st Floor, Wilson Hall, MSU Campus, Bozeman, MT 59715.
Registration: 8:30-9:30am, Sept. 25. USCF and MCA membership required. Entry Fee = \$5
Adult, \$3.50 Junior. Advance entries to address below.
Rounds: 5 Round Swiss System. 9:30am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm / 10:00am, 2:00pm.
Time Control: 45 moves / 2 hours, then 25 moves / hour thereafter.
Prizes: Trophies 1st, 2nd, Under 1500 - 1st, 2nd.
Director: Jim Chester, 423 N. 16th, Bozeman, MT 59715.

TURKEY OPEN

Sponsor - University-Community Chess Club

November 6-7, 1982

Place: Room 362, Social Science Bldg., Univ. of Montana Campus, Missoula, MT
Registration: 9:00-9:30am, November 6. USCF membership req'd, MCA membership req'd
except for new players. USCF - \$20 Adult, \$10 Junior, \$5 tournament;
MCA - \$4 Adult, \$3 Junior; USCF+MCA - \$20 Adult, \$10 Junior, \$9 tournament.
Entry Fee = \$5 Advance, \$8 at door. Advance entries to address
below. New players free, Masters free, candidate masters $\frac{1}{2}$ price.
Rounds: 5 Round Swiss System. 9:30am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm / 9:00am, 2:00pm.
Time Control: 30 moves / 90 minutes, then 25 moves per hour thereafter.
Prizes: Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd; Awards 1st under 1600, 1400, 1200.
Director: William H. McBroom, 2321 Raymond Ave., Missoula, MT 59802.
Notes: No smoking.

USCF - International Grandmasters Lajos Portisch of Hungary and Eugenio Torre of the Philippines scored $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ to win the 1982 Men's Interzonal Tournament, held August 10-19 in Toluca, Mexico. International Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan, of the USA, finished just one point behind the leaders in a tie for fourth with Lev Polugaevsky and Artur Yusupov of the USSR and Igor Ivanov of Canada. Former World Champion Boris Spassky held third place with an 8-5 score. Portisch and Torre now qualify for the candidates' matches leading to the World Championship in 1984.

Time pressure on the announcement of the MSU Open (and the remodeling of the editor's basement) has pushed all games and annotations into a future issue. Crosstables of recent events can be found on page 2. Fortunately, we have some excellent material from our new reigning state champ to fill the void - Loy's page returns in triplicate to fill out this issue. Hopefully we can glean a selection of superior games from the Championships and Opens for the fall issue.

| P1 Name | Rate | RD1 | RD2 | RD3 | RD4 | RD5 | TOT |
|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Donnell Hunter | 1582 | D4 | W5 | W17 | W14 | W2 | 4.5 |
| 2 John Hay | 1456 | W14 | W16 | W3 | W7 | L1 | 4.0 |
| 3 James Fletcher | 1322 | W13 | W17 | L2 | W4 | W7 | 4.0 |
| 4 M. McCafferty | 1324 | D1 | W10 | W8 | L3 | W14 | 3.5 |
| Robert Radtke | 1171 | D10 | L1 | W18 | W17 | W6 | 3.5 |
| 5 Dave Shughart | 1396 | W18 | W12 | L7 | W15 | L5 | 3.0 |
| 7 Steve Saroff | 1301 | W9 | W11 | W6 | L2 | L3 | 3.0 |
| 8 Tim Hovet | 1212 | L12 | W19 | L4 | Bye | W15 | 3.0 |
| 9 Ron White | NON | L7 | W13 | L10 | W11 | W12 | 3.0 |
| 10 Bill McBroom | 1446 | D5 | L4 | W9 | W13 | -- | 2.5 |
| 11 Dan Britt | 1487 | W20 | L7 | L14 | LF | W18 | 2.0 |
| 12 Brian Hattel | 1407 | W8 | L6 | L15 | W20 | L9 | 2.0 |
| 13 Gary Fisher | 1377 | L3 | L9 | Bye | L10 | W20 | 2.0 |
| 14 Steve Votruba | 1207 | L2 | W18 | W11 | L1 | L4 | 2.0 |
| 15 Ron VandeVen | 1153 | L17 | W20 | W12 | L6 | L8 | 2.0 |
| 16 Robert Taylor | 1368 | W19 | LF | -- | -- | -- | 1.0 |
| 17 Larry Austin | 1364 | W15 | L3 | L1 | LF | LF | 1.0 |
| 18 Thomas Mastad | 1291 | L6 | L14 | L5 | W19 | LF | 1.0 |
| 19 Guido Riley | 883 | L16 | L8 | L20 | L18 | W17 | 1.0 |
| 20 Philip Reno | NON | L11 | L15 | W19 | L12 | L13 | 1.0 |

UCCC MIDSUMMER OPEN

July 24-25, 1982

| P1 Name | Rate | RD1 | RD2 | RD3 | RD4 | RD5 | TOT |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Stewart Sutton | 1852 | W26 | W15 | W10 | W3 | D6 | 4.5 |
| 2 Dan Britt | 1487 | W33 | D24 | W18 | W9 | W12 | 4.5 |
| 3 Tim O'Connor | 1851 | W5 | W4 | W11 | L1 | W7 | 4.0 |
| 4 Tim Eichhorn | 1421 | W36 | L3 | W30 | W13 | W9 | 4.0 |
| 5 James Fletcher | 1322 | L3 | W36 | W21 | W25 | W10 | 4.0 |
| 6 Tony Mattina | 1771 | W32 | W23 | L9 | W15 | D1 | 3.5 |
| 7 C. Landgraver | 1510 | D29 | W16 | W24 | W8 | L3 | 3.5 |
| 8 John Barto | 1457 | W17 | D19 | W14 | L7 | W18 | 3.5 |
| 9 Dan Bain | UNR | W25 | W12 | W6 | L2 | L4 | 3.0 |
| 10 John Hay | 1456 | W28 | W27 | L1 | W23 | L5 | 3.0 |
| 11 Doug Brock | 1357 | W37 | W13 | L3 | L12 | W25 | 3.0 |
| 12 Bill McBroom | 1446 | W34 | L9 | W20 | W11 | L2 | 3.0 |
| 13 Don Norrid | 1542 | W20 | L11 | W26 | L4 | W23 | 3.0 |
| 14 Al Williams | 1541 | D18 | W29 | L8 | W19 | D16 | 3.0 |
| 15 Lyle Petersen | 1443 | W35 | L1 | W27 | L6 | W26 | 3.0 |
| 16 Otto Grosse | 1267 | D31 | L7 | W33 | W29 | D14 | 3.0 |
| 17 Mark Zylawy | 1112 | L8 | L21 | Bye | W22 | W29 | 3.0 |
| 18 Tim Hovet | 1212 | D14 | W31 | L2 | W24 | L8 | 2.5 |
| 19 Steve Votruba | 1199 | W21 | D8 | L23 | L14 | W31 | 2.5 |
| 20 Steve Olson | 1226 | L13 | W37 | L12 | D30 | W34 | 2.5 |
| 21 Gregg Ford | 1503 | L19 | W17 | L5 | D28 | W33 | 2.5 |
| 22 Bill Egger | UNR | L24 | D33 | W35 | L17 | W32 | 2.5 |
| 23 Brian Hattel | 1407 | W30 | L6 | W19 | L10 | L13 | 2.0 |
| 24 Dave Shughart | 1355 | W22 | D2 | L7 | L18 | D28 | 2.0 |
| 25 Ron White | 1444 | L9 | W34 | W28 | L5 | L11 | 2.0 |
| 26 M. McCafferty | 1324 | L1 | W35 | L13 | W27 | L15 | 2.0 |
| 27 Guido Riley | 951 | Bye | L10 | L15 | L26 | W30 | 2.0 |
| 28 Sherwood Moore | 1000 | L10 | Bye | L25 | D21 | D24 | 2.0 |
| 29 Stewart Riley | 1212 | D7 | L14 | W31 | L16 | L17 | 1.5 |
| 30 Jason Lanktree | UNR | L23 | W32 | L4 | D20 | L27 | 1.5 |
| 31 Tom Booth | 1625 | D16 | L18 | L33 | W36 | L19 | 1.5 |
| 32 Mark Wood | 1287 | L6 | L30 | W36 | D34 | L22 | 1.5 |
| 33 Robert Radtke | 1171 | L2 | D22 | L16 | Bye | L21 | 1.5 |
| 34 Phil Reno | UNR | L12 | L25 | W37 | D32 | L20 | 1.5 |
| 35 R. Johnston | UNR | L15 | L26 | L22 | W37 | D36 | 1.5 |
| 36 Sam Egger | UNR | L4 | L5 | L32 | L31 | D35 | .5 |
| 37 Mike Humes | UNR | L11 | L20 | L34 | F35 | WD | 0 |

| P1 Name | Rate | RD1 | RD2 | RD3 | RD4 | TOT |
|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Mike Jensen | 1801 | W8 | W9 | W3 | W4 | 4.0 |
| 2 D. Shughart | 1355 | L4 | W10 | W5 | W3 | 3.0 |
| 3 John Hay | 1411 | W10 | W4 | L1 | L2 | 2.0 |
| 4 Dan McCourt | 1432 | W2 | L3 | W9 | L1 | 2.0 |
| 5 Tony Mattina | 1771 | -- | W6 | L2 | W9 | 2.0 |
| 6 Matt Guthrie | 2080 | -- | L5 | W8 | W7 | 2.0 |
| 7 J. Fletcher | 1011 | L9 | D8 | W10 | L6 | 1.5 |
| 8 Bill McBroom | 1398 | L1 | D7 | L6 | W10 | 1.5 |
| 9 Brian Hattel | 1430 | W7 | L1 | L4 | L5 | 1.0 |
| 10 Ron White | UNR | L3 | L2 | L7 | L8 | 0 |

UCCC 2ND SUMMER

July-August, 1982

| P1 Name | Rate | RD1 | RD2 | RD3 | RD4 | RD5 | TOT |
|-----------------|------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Mike Jensen | 1884 | W14 | W13 | W3 | W2 | 4.0 | |
| 2 Gregg Ford | 1503 | W9 | W4 | W6 | L1 | 3.0 | |
| 3 Bill McBroom | 1446 | W18 | W7 | L1 | W6 | 3.0 | |
| 4 Bob Radtke | 1171 | W12 | F2 | W11 | W8 | 3.0 | |
| 5 Bob McKean | 1641 | -- | W15 | W9 | W7 | 3.0 | |
| 6 Sam Egger | UNR | W10 | W17 | L2 | L3 | 2.0 | |
| 7 Guido Riley | 951 | Bye | L3 | W13 | L5 | 2.0 | |
| 8 Bill Egger | UNR | L13 | W14 | W10 | L4 | 2.0 | |
| 9 J. Fletcher | 1322 | L2 | W12 | L5 | W17 | 2.0 | |
| 10 Ron White | 1444 | L6 | W18 | L8 | W15 | 2.0 | |
| 11 Dan McCourt | 1432 | -- | W16 | L4 | W14 | 2.0 | |
| 12 John Hay | 1456 | L4 | L9 | W16 | W13 | 2.0 | |
| 13 Brian Hattel | 1407 | W8 | L1 | L7 | L12 | 1.0 | |
| 14 D. Shughart | 1355 | L1 | L8 | W17 | L11 | 1.0 | |
| 15 Doug Brock | 1357 | -- | L5 | W18 | L10 | 1.0 | |
| 16 Dave Collett | UNR | -- | L11 | L12 | W18 | 1.0 | |
| 17 Gary Fisher | 1351 | 1/2 By | L6 | L14 | L9 | .5 | |
| 18 S. Moore | 1000 | L3 | F10 | L15 | F16 | 0 | |

UCCC CHAMPIONSHIP

4/29-5/27, 1982

| P1 Name | Rate | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | TOT |
|----------------|------|---|-----|---|-----|---|---|-----|
| 1 Matt Guthrie | 2073 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5.0 |
| 2 Mike Jensen | 1900 | 0 | x | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 3.5 |
| 3 R. Carpenter | 1637 | F | F | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3.0 |
| 4 Bob McKean | 1608 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 2.5 |
| 5 Dan McCourt | 1432 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1.0 |
| 6 Dennis Burke | 1647 | F | 0 | F | F | F | x | 0 |

MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP

July 24-25, 1982

| P1 Name | Rate | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | TOT |
|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Jim Loy | 1861 | x | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 4.5 |
| 2 Matt Guthrie | 2060 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 3.5 |
| 3 Bill Lynch | 1867 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 2.5 |
| 4 Kip Stubberud | 1926 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | x | 1/2 | 1 | 2.0 |
| 5 Mike Jensen | 1897 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | x | 1 | 2.0 |
| 6 Darren Stacey | 1519 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | .5 |

RIMROCK OPEN

August 28-29, 1982

| P1 Name | Rate | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | TOT |
|-----------------|------|-----|---|---|-----|---|---|-----|
| 1 Bill Lynch | 1867 | x | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 4.5 |
| 2 Andy Shuck | 1786 | 0 | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3.0 |
| 3 Gordon Shuck | 1769 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3.0 |
| 4 Dave Shughart | 1459 | 1/2 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 1 | 2.5 |
| 5 Dan Joelson | 1788 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 2.0 |
| 6 Mark Kalal | 1158 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 |

THE BEST PLAYER EVER

Who was the greatest player ever? Several players are candidates, like Morphy, Steinitz, Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, Botvinnik, Fischer and Karpov. Each was the best in the world at some time. And each had some fatal flaw which prevented perfection.

Morphy had a very short career in which he mainly demolished Anderssen and was avoided by Staunton, two of the all-time greats. We can't really tell if he was as good as the others because of lack of data.

Steinitz won many matches and tournaments and was World Champ. But he lost a lot of chess games.

Lasker was considered lucky at the time. He was the perfect psychological player, often fitting his game to his opponents' styles. He held the World Championship for 27 years. But most people consider Morphy and Capablanca to have been better chessplayers.

Capablanca was the perfect chess playing machine who almost never lost a game. He lost 35 games in his life. He was considered unbeatable until he was soundly trounced by Alekhine for the World Championship. He played for draws, seemingly afraid to lose games. So he had many mediocre results.

Alekhine beat the unbeatable Capablanca. And from then on was truly great himself. Few people consider him better than Capablanca. Some do.

Botvinnik held the World Championship for a long time, considering that he lost the title three times. Technically, he was as good as any of the best. But he was not as awe-inspiring as Capablanca or Fischer.

Calculating backwards in time, Fischer would have the highest rating ever. His greatest strength was his ravenous hunger for victory. But his neuroses kept him from being perfect.

It's too early to tell about Karpov. He's among the best ever. He dominates chess today. But it's impossible to tell if he's better than the others.

I'd guess that Fischer, Capablanca, Lasker and maybe Karpov are about tied for the best, with Fischer being my favorite.

Excelsior Pawn:

I once queened a pawn on the ninth move:

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 c5 5 dxc5 Qa5 6 cxd6 Nxe4 7 dxe7 Bg7 8 Qd8+ Qxd8 9 exd8Q+

Maybe this is a record. Here's one that would have been shorter if White had not resigned:

?-Bruening, 1907: 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 Bf4 cxd4 5 Bxb8 dxc3 6 Be3 cxb2 0-1

White resigned because 7 Bxb2 Bb4+ wins the queen. Otherwise the pawn queens. Here's a similar obnoxious pawn:

Rusakov-Verlinsky, Moscow 1947: 1 e4 e5 2 c3 Nc6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Bg5 h6 5 Bh4 g5 6 Bg3 exd4 7 e5 dxc3 8 exf6 cxb2 9 Qe2+ Qe7!!! 10 fxe7 Bg7! 0-1

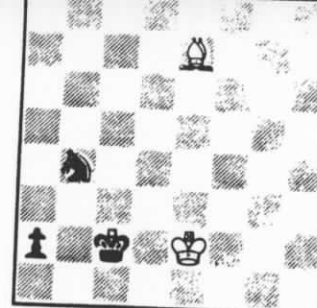
UNTRAP

I recently received quite a shock. I've won several games with the following trap (not necessarily the same opening moves):

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bc4 Bg4 4 d3 Nc6 5 Bxf7+ Kxf7 6 Ng5+ coming out a pawn ahead?

Well, I finally lost one, because 6...Qxg5! wins easily. Oops.

In Russia in about 1970, Leonid Stein got himself into the diagrammed predicament. I think he did this to show off because he knew that it was a draw. Perhaps you'd like to try it before I show you the solution (upside-down at the bottom of this page).



White draws

THE CLASSIC BISHOP SACRIFICE

This is the sacrifice of a Bishop on h7 against a castled king (h2 if you're Black). It is famous and pretty common. Here is a crude game which is the earliest known example of this sac:

Greco 1619: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Bd3 Nc6 4 Nf3 Be7 5 h4 O-O 6 e5 Nd5 7 Bxh7+ (the sac) 7...Kxh7 8 Ng5+ Bxg5 9 hxg5 Kg8 10 Qh5 f5 11 g6 Re8 12 Qh8++

Sometimes the sacrifice works and sometimes it doesn't. I've won several practice games with it, some of which I should have lost. The following game is famous and won a brilliancy prize. But it seems to be flawed:

Colle-O'Hanlon, Nice 1930: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 e3 c5 4 c3 e6 5 Bd3 Bd6 6 Nbd2 Nbd7 7 O-O O-O 8 Re1 Re8 9 e4 dxe4 10 Nxe4 Nxe4 11 Bxe4 cxd4 12 Bxh7+? Kxh7 13 Nq5+ Kq6 (13...Kg8 draws but 13...Kg6 wins. Vukovic) 14 h4 Rh8? (According to Vukovic, 14...f5! wins) 15 Rxe6+!! Nf6 (15...fxe6 16 Qd3+ Vukovic) 16 h5+ Kh6 17 Rxd6 Qa5 18 Nxf7+ Kh7 19 Nq5+ Kq8 20 Qb3+ 1-0

A FAMOUS VARIATION

When Grandmasters don't want to play chess, they play short draws called Grandmaster Draws. Some draws have lasted less than ten moves. These can come in handy if you need to rest up for the next game. But many people don't like these non-games. In the early sixties, FIDE passed a law saying it was illegal to agree to a draw in fewer than 30 moves. But you can't keep the grandmasters down. They got their quick draws in other ways. Here's one way:

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 q6 3 Nc3 d5 (The Grünfeld Defense) 4 Bc4 Bq7 5 e3 c5 (One of the main variations. In the sixties, this was often a signal that Black was willing to draw) 6 dxc5 Qa5 7 cxd5? (And this meant that White wanted a draw) 7...Nxd5! 8 Qxd5 Bxc3+ 9 bxc3 Qxc3+ 10 Ke2 Qxa1 11 Be5 Qc1 12 Bxh8 Be6 13 Qxb7 Qc2+ 14 Kf3 (14 Ke1 Qc1+ draws) 14...Qf5+ 15 Ke2 Qc2+ with a draw by repetition of position.

This game happened many times and was probably played so rapidly that it was over in a few minutes. But there's an amusing punch line to this story. It has been found (by Rawie) that 11...Qb1! wins for Black.

STOMP

Here's a game I won against Sargon II. It's the biggest stomp I've ever seen:

1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 d5 4 exd5 Qxd5 5 Nc3 Qe6+ 6 Kf2 (My favorite variation. The open e-file is dangerous) 6...Nc6 7 d4 Bd6 8 Bb5 (Not d5??) 8...Qf5 9 Re1+ Ne7 10 d5 Bc5+ 11 Nd4 Bxd4+? 12 Qxd4 Qxc2+? 13 Re2 O-O 14 dxc6 Nxc6? 15 Bxc6 Qf5 16 Bf3! q5? 17 Nd5 Qe6 (The queen was lost anyway) 18 Nf6+ Kq7? 19 Nh5+ Kq6 20 Qq7+ Kf5 21 Qxh7+ Qq6 22 Be4+ Kq4? 23 h3+ Kh4 24 Bxq6 Rh8! (Stops the mate for a few moves) 25 Qxh8 Bxh3 26 Qh6 Rh8! 27 Qxh8 Bq4 28 Nxf4+ Bh5 29 Bxh5++

ANSWER TO STEIN'S SHOW-OFF:

1 Bf6 Nf3 2 Ba1 Nf2 3 Kd1 Nf3 4 Kd2 Kxk1 5 Kc1! draw (by moving the king between

(.20 pue 10

This is one of the most amazing games ever played. Capablanca (perhaps the greatest player ever) lost four games in this tournament, all brilliant:

Botvinnik-Capablanca, AVRO 1938: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 (The Nimzo-Indian Defense) 4 e3 d5 5 a3 Bxc3 6 bxc3 c5 7 cxd5 exd5 8 Bd3 0-0 9 Ne2 b6 10 0-0 Ba6 11 Bxa6 Nxa6 12 Bb2 (Botvinnik says 12 Qd3! is better) 12...Qd7 13 a4 Rfe8? (13...cxd4! 14 cxd4 Rfc8 Botvinnik) 14 Qd3 c4? (14...Qb7 Riumin) 15 Qc2 Nb8 16 Rae1 Nc6 17 Nq3 Na5 18 f3 Nb3 19 e4! Qxa4 20 e5 (Although Black looks moderately safe, White's Kingside attack is strong) 20...Nd7 21 Qf2! q6 22 f4 f5 23 exf6 e.p. Nxf6 24 f5 Rxe1 25 Rxe1 Re8 26 Re6! Rxe6 27 fxe6 Kq7 28 Qf4 Qe8 29 Qe5! Qe7 30 Ba3!!! Qxa3 31 Nh5+! gxh5 32 Qq5+ Kf8 33 Qxf6+ Kq8 34 e7 Qc1+ (Perpetual check?) 35 Kf2 Qc2+ 36 Kq3 Qd3+ 37 Kh4 Qe4+ 38 Kxh5 Qe2+ 39 Kh4 Qe4+ 40 q4 Qe1+ 41 Kh5 1-0 No perpetual check.

DOUBLE CHECK

I imagine you've heard that double check is dangerous. Well, here are a few short examples:

Meek-?, 1855: 1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 d5 4 Nc3 dxe4 5 Nxe4 Bg5 6 Qe2 Bxf3 7 Nf6++

Nimzovich-?, 1910: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 d6 5 d4 Nxe4 6 d5 a6 7 Bd3 Nf6 8 dxc6 e4 9 Re1 d5 10 Be2! exf3 11 cxb7! Bxb7 12 Bb5++

Reti-Tartakover, Vienna 1910: 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Qd3 e5 6 dxe5 Qa4+ 7 Bd2 Qxe5 8 0-0-0 Nxe4 9 Qd8+! Kxd8 10 Bg5+ 1-0 mate next move.

That last one was elegant. But it was done before:

Maczusi-Kolisch, Paris 1864: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 Nxd4 Qh4 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 Qd3 Nf6 7 Nxc6 dxc6 8 Bd2 Bxc3 9 Bxc3 Nxe4 10 Qd4 Qe7 11 0-0-0 Qg5+ 12 f4! Qxf4+ 13 Bd2 Qg4 14 Qd8+ Kxd8 15 Bg5+ Ke8 16 Rd8++

LEGAL'S SACRIFICE

A few weeks ago, I won the following practice game:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 d6 4 Nc3 Bg4 5 0-0 Nd4 6 Nxe5! Bxd1??? (6...dxe5 7 Qxg4 Nxc2 isn't too bad) 7 Bxf7+ Ke7 8 Nd5++

The original pattern for the above game was played in 1750 by Legal, Philidor's teacher:

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bc4 Bg4 4 Nc3 g6? 5 Nxe5! Bxd1??? 6 Bxf7+ Ke7 7 Nd5++

I understand that this sacrifice has happened thousands of times in chess history. I've done it three times.

SHORT GAME

Here's a short game that was played in a Grandmaster tournament:

Plachetka-Zinn, Dechin 1974: 1 Nf3 c5 2 b3 Nc6 3 Bb2 Nf6 4 e3 d5 5 Bb5 e6 6 Ne5 Qc7 7 0-0 Bd6 8 Bxc6 bxc6 9 f4 0-0 10 Rf3! (White has the initiative, according to Plachetka) 10...Nd7 11 Rh3 q6? 12 Qh5!!! 1-0

Black's resignation deserves some comment. 12...gxh5 13 Rg3+ Kh8 14 Nxf7++. Or 12...Nf6! 13 Ng4!!! gxh5 14 Nf6+ Kh8 (14...Kg7 15 Ne8+! Kh6 16 Bg7+ Kg6 17 Rg3+ Kf5 18 Rg5+ Ke4 19 Nc3++) 15 Rxh5 h6 16 Nxd5+ wins. All that's according to Plachetka.

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|------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Matt Guthrie | MS 2060 | David Prouty | MS 1501 | Mark Wood | HL 1303 |
| Kip Stubberud | HL 1926 | Russell McCord | BL 1493 | Neale Sikveland | FP 1285 |
| Mike Jensen | MS 1897 | Coyle Long | BT 1478 | Ron White | MS 1281 |
| Bill Lynch | BL 1867 | Jack Magee | BT 1476 | Lawrence Dunkin | GF 1281 |
| Jim Loy | BZ 1861 | Richard Park | GF 1470 | Stephen Margrave | MS 1275 |
| Bill Greer | AL 1861 | Bill McBroom | MS 1467 | Susan Pounds | BZ 1273 |
| Ken Shinn | BL 1809 | Dave Shughart | MS 1459 | Dale Gross | MS 1244 |
| James Magorian | HL 1799 | John Barto | GF 1457 | Robert Radtke | MS 1239 |
| Andy Shuck | WH 1786 | James Chester | BZ 1456 | Chuck Borland | BZ 1236 |
| Anthony Mattina | MS 1781 | Daniel McCourt | MS 1451 | Steve Votruba | MS 1234 |
| Joe Lovett | MS 1771 | Daniel Britt | MS 1449 | Tim Hovet | MS 1223 |
| Gordon Shuck | WH 1769 | Lyle Petersen | PD 1424 | Matt Janke | BZ 1219 |
| Joe Wingard | BZ 1745 | Tim Eichhorn | BZ 1421 | Lance Semenza | MS 1207 |
| Keith Bayern | BZ 1691 | Derrick Watson | MS 1420 | Craig Stoup | BZ 1205 |
| James Ostby | FR 1688 | James Fletcher | MS 1417 | Brian Alley | BT 1203 |
| Chuck Hauptmann | BL 1687 | Gary Wendel | BT 1417 | Gary Hewitt | BZ 1200 |
| Robert Jordan | BZ 1670 | William Rogers | GF 1412 | Thomas Mastad | MS 1199 |
| Fred Betz | BL 1662 | Terry Mitchell | GL 1407 | Ronald VandeVen | MS 1190 |
| Romie Carpenter | MS 1659 | Luther Henley | MS 1404 | Richard Stuckey | MS 1189 |
| Ted Salverson | MS 1644 | David Stacey | HL 1404 | Mark Zylawy | MS 1177 |
| Dennis Burke | MS 1641 | James Bush | BT 1401 | Jason Anderson | MS 1167 |
| Tom Booth | PL 1613 | Dan Polette | BZ 1398 | Dan Marsh | MS 1142 |
| Roger White | SU 1613 | Ron Erickson | MS 1396 | Kevin Darne | AB 1104 |
| Bob McKean | MS 1611 | Tim Montler | MS 1394 | Jay Ketch | MS 1084 |
| James McCormack | BT 1598 | Lawrence Austin | MS 1393 | Kelley Beasley | DI 1067 |
| Ray Jorgenson | PL 1594 | Matt McCafferty | MS 1385 | Mike Chester | BZ 1066 |
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| Mark Laceky | HL 1531 | Gary Fisher | MS 1346 | Darrin Gilchrist | BZ 962 |
| Tom Romine | BL 1520 | Robert Perry | KS 1320 | Guido Riley | MS 883 |
| Darrin Stacey | HL 1519 | Steve Olson | HL 1317 | Greg Buls | MS 877 |
| Albert Williams | MS 1514 | Charles Chapman | BL 1315 | Scott Purl | MS 875 |
| Gregg Ford | MS 1503 | Samuel Stem | MS 1308 | Paul Zylawy | MS 827 |
| John Hay | MS 1502 | Randolph Hagen | MS 1305 | | |

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 SU=Superior,BT=Butte,MH=Manhattan,GF=Great Falls,PD=Paradise,GL=Glendive,KS=Kalispell,
 FP=Fort Peck,AB=Alberton,DI=Dillon,FP=Fort Peck.

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