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I suppose introductions are in order since I'm not only the new editor of *The Gambit* but also returning to chess after a 14-year hiatus: My name is Kent Smotherman and I'm a class B player. I actually was *The Gambit* editor for a couple of issues way back in 1989, and I'm very glad to have the chance to do this again.

Starting with this issue you'll notice that there have been some format changes in addition to the new cover design. Most notable is probably that tournament flyers won't be stapled in the center of your issue. Instead, they will appear as normal pages so you won't have

to rip apart *The Gambit* to read them!

You'll also find a couple of new regular features, *Searching For ...* will investigate where popular players from years gone by are today, and *Chess for the Rest of Us* is an instructional series aimed at addressing the needs of lower level players.

Coming up in January is the 25th Merrick County Open. I encourage everyone who can to make it to this fine event. It has a great tradition, great chess, and great pizza – what more can you ask for?

If you have an idea for a story please send it in. And of course all article and game submissions are greatly appreciated – Don't make me beg! - Kent Smotherman

CHESS FOR THE REST OF US

PARADISE LOST

- Kent Smotherman

Editor's note: This is the first in a new series intended for lower level players.

Chess games between highly skilled players are most often tense struggles decided by nuance and subtlety. But for the average USCF tournament player, a class C player, most games are not won slowly but are instead lost quickly.

This is hardly breaking news. Many of us lesser players are aware that the first step to improving our games is to eliminate at least our more obvious mistakes. NSCA secretary Matt Turner shared this recent game with *The Gambit* which helps illustrate this point. (tactical analysis by SigmaChess)

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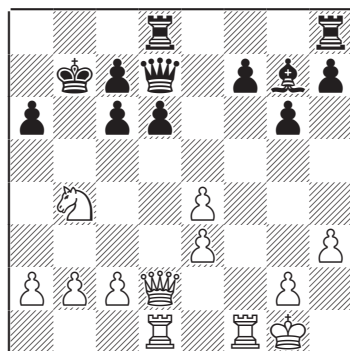
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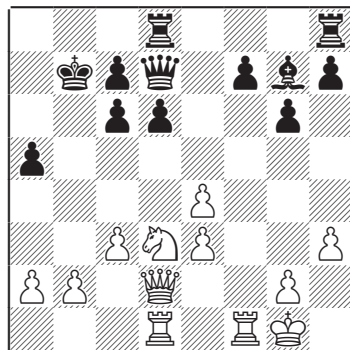
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1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nf3 d6 4. d4 Bg4 5. Be2 e5 6. Be3 { Score : +0.68 6. d5 Ne7 7. O-O c6 8. Bg5 Qb6 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. dxc6 Nxc6 } exd4 7. Nxd4 Bxe2 8. Qxe2 Qd7 9. O-O { Score : +0.73 9. Nxc6 Qxc6 10. O-O Be7 11. Qb5 Qxb5 12. Nxb5 Bd8 } a6 10. Rad1 g6 11. Qd2 { Score : +0.59 11. Nxc6 Qxc6 12. Nd5 Bg7 13. Bg5 Nd7 14. c4 } Ng4 12. Nd5 Bg7 13. h3 Nxe3 14. fxe3 O-O-O { Score : -0.58

14... O-O 15. Nxc6 bxc6 16. Nf6 Bxf6 17. Rxf6 Qe7 18. Rf4 f6 19. Qc3 c5 20. Qc4 Qf7 21. Qxf7 Rxf7 } 15. Nxc6 bxc6 16. Nb4 { Score : +0.52 16. Qd3 Kb7 17. Qb3 Ka7 18. Nb6 Qe6 19. Rxf7 Qxb3 20. axb3 Bxb2 21. Nc4 } Kb7



17. c3 {better is 17. Nxa6 Qe8 (if 17. ... Kxa6 then 18. Qd3+ Kb7 19. Qb3+ Kc8 20. Rxf7) 18. Qa5 Rd7 19. c3 f6} a5 18. Nd3



And here black throws the game completely away with:

18. ... Ra8 19. Nc5+ Kc8 20. Nxd7 Kxd7 21. Rxf7+ 1-0

Going back to the last diagram, how does black stand? The a5 pawn is a problem, but black has the bishop over white's knight. Black's king is

exposed, and he needs to activate his rooks as well. White has double isolated pawns on the e file which black can target, but otherwise is in pretty good shape. Note that the white knight has restricted scope, even though it eventually delivered the death blow in the game.

The logical plan for black starts with Qe6 to attack both the e4 and a2 pawns. The point here is that the game is far from over. Most

chess games between average tournament players are decided by such mistakes. Maybe the errors are not as decisive as the one in this game, but instead lead to lost pawns or pieces. The key is to be aware of the types of mistakes that are so often made, and to be constantly on the lookout to avoid them.

The surprising aspect to this, perhaps, is that the players making these mistakes are familiar with the common techniques they are based on: pins, forks and discovered

attacks. So the answer doesn't really lie in knowing these tactics, but instead in learning how to be more consistent in recognizing them over the board. How can this be accomplished?

Simple consistency is the answer. We all know what to look out for, but we don't always see it. What I recommend is keeping a note card by your score sheet on which is written:

- 1) Examine all checks
- 2) Examine all captures
- 3) Look for all pins
- 4) Look for all possible forks
- 5) Look for discovered attacks

Notice which of these points applied to black's consideration of his 18th move: 1, 3, and 4! Even spending a cursory 5 seconds on each of these would eliminate most



simple mistakes. Once this practice becomes habit and you grow more adept at consistently recognizing these basic

threats, you'll likely find the process going more quickly.

This approach might seem limited and defensive, and it is. The first step in beating your opponent is to not beat yourself. ♙

Tournament Results

Polar Bear October 23, 2004 Lincoln, NE

Primary Section

Player	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. Kausha Kalyanasundaram	778	W13	W5	W6	W2	W3	U	U	5.0
2. Colin Klatt	727	W8	W9	W4	L1	W6	U	U	4.0
3. Adam Gilmore	905	W11	L4	W9	W5	L1	U	U	3.0
4. Joel Brejda	378	W7	W3	L2	L6	W9	U	U	3.0
5. Grant Lahm	254	W10	L1	W11	L3	W8	U	U	3.0
6. Daniel Parr	100	U	W10	L1	W4	L2	U	U	3.0
7. Chris Jurich	U	L4	U	D8	U	W12	W10	L6	2.5
8. Arthur Fuog	562	L2	D13	D7	W12	L5	U	U	2.0
9. John Son	225	W12	L2	L3	W13	L4	U	U	2.0
10. Dylan Peterson	U	L5	L6	U	W11	W13	L7	U	2.0
11. Reina Jackson	211	L3	D12	L5	L10	B	U	U	1.5
12. Kierra Ward	U	L9	D11	W13	L8	L7	U	U	1.5
13. Nathan Arnold	U	L1	D8	L12	L9	L10	U	U	0.5

Junior Section

Player	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Caleb Klatt	1055	W7	W10	W14	W9	W4	5.0
2. Will Drevo	1160	W21	W17	L9	W10	W14	4.0
3. Isiah Robbins	1089	W13	L14	W12	W18	W9	4.0
4. Chung-Geon Rhee	930	W28	W12	W8	W5	L1	4.0
5. John Hurdle	886	W22	W11	W16	L4	W8	4.0
6. Austin Wegener	U	L11	W22	W20	W26	W15	4.0
7. Justin Minchow	460	L1	W30	D26	W17	W16	3.5
8. Matthew Euen	1268	W20	W15	L4	W11	L5	3.0
9. Johnathon Carnoali	921	W27	W16	W2	L1	L3	3.0
10. Mark Ternus	675	W30	L1	W28	L2	W21	3.0
11. Joshua Robbins	664	W6	L5	W19	L8	W23	3.0
12. Derek Lahm	657	W15	L4	L3	W28	W19	3.0
13. Joseph Son	483	L3	W31	L15	W24	W18	3.0
14. Daniel Balbah	U	W19	W3	L1	W21	L2	3.0
15. Rose Lombard	817	W23	L8	W13	D16	L6	2.5
16. Mateo Tijerina	U	W18	W20	L5	D15	L7	2.5
17. Andre WPeterson	765	W29	L2	L21	L7	W26	2.0
18. Treton Kuta	659	L16	W23	W24	L3	L13	2.0
19. Matthew Martin	647	L14	W27	L11	W22	L12	2.0
20. Chris Duerschner	572	L8	L16	L6	W30	W28	2.0
21. Paul Lombard	532	L2	W29	W17	L14	L10	2.0
22. Ruthie Tijerina	418	L5	L6	W31	L19	W29	2.0
23. Joshua Bargar	375	L15	L18	W25	W27	L11	2.0
24. Jeevah Rajagopal	315	H	H	L18	L13	W27	2.0
25. Zachary Zumwalt	U	L12	L28	L23	U	W31	2.0
26. Claire Rhee	700	W31	L9	D7	L6	L17	1.5
27. Jon Duerschner	588	L9	L19	W29	L23	L24	1.0
28. Aaron Cook	397	L4	W25	L10	L12	L20	1.0
29. Kyle Branner	U	L17	L21	L27	W31	L22	1.0
30. Sean O'Keefe	U	L10	L7	U	L20	B	1.0
31. Adam Kiehn	U	L26	L13	L22	L29	L25	0.0

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Reserve Section

Player	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Thomas Lombard	1400	W8	W2	D3	W4	W6	4.5
2. Karen Swartz	1439	D4	L1	W7	W3	W8	3.5
3. Leo Iacono	1433	W7	W6	D1	L2	W5	3.5
4. David Buckley	1363	D2	W5	W6	L1	W7	3.6
5. Richard Olson	1458	L6	L4	W8	W7	L3	2.0
6. Philipp Fischer	1281	W6	L3	L4	L8	L1	1.0
7. Thomas Walsh Jr	1135	L3	W8	L2	L5	L4	1.0
8. John Brejda	793	L1	L7	L5	W6	L2	1.0

Open Section

Player	Rtg	1	2	3	4	Score
1. Kevin Swartz	1554	W3	W4	D2	W6	3.5
2. Kent Nelson	1900	H	W7	D1	D4	2.5
3. David Raines	1763	L1	W6	D5	B	2.5
4. Albert Zhou	1715	W6	L1	W7	D2	2.5
5. Tony Dutiel	1703	H	H	D3	W7	2.5
6. Nathan Klatt	1409	L4	L3	B	L1	1.0
7. Greg Ryan	1215	B	L2	L4	L5	1.0

Central High Scholastic Nov 10, 2004 Omaha, NE

149 players in grades 3-12 competed for 50 trophies at Central High's 4th annual chess tournament. Students were put in groups of 6-12 players by grade level to compete in individual round robin tournaments. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies were awarded in each section.

Perfect scores were turned in by **Sajmir Gasa** 6-0 (11th grade), **Elvis Servellon** 8-0 (9th grade), **Austin Wegener** 11-0 (7th grade), **Adam Gilmore** 9-0 (3rd grade).

Other section winners were:

Championship: George Blazek (4-1)
 12th grade: Brian Rodenhause (4-2)
 10th grade: Mark Wilder (6-2)
 8th grade: Steven Thyden (10-1)
 7th grade: John Oliver (10-1)
 6th grade: Patrick Tibbels (9-1)
 6th grade: Briar Watson (7.5-.5)
 6th grade: Tim McNary
 5th grade: Carl Stokes (6.5-1.5)
 5th grade: Jackson Gzehoviak (8-1)
 5th grade: Daniel Witulski (8-3)
 4th grade: Jinfeng Jiang (9.5-.5)
 4th grade: Maggie Yakus (8-1)



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10th Annual Cornucopia Awards List

The 10th Annual Cornucopia scholastic tournament was held on Saturday, November 13, 2004 in Columbus, Nebraska. The Cornucopia is an individual and team tournament for K-12 players of all skill levels. This year's event saw a great turnout with players of all ages participating in this growing tournament, directed by Karen Swartz.

Trophies were awarded as follows:

PRIMARY SECTION

Team

1st Place	St. Bonaventure Elementary School, Columbus Teammates: Adam Gilmore, Grant Lahm
2nd Place	McPhee Elementary School, Lincoln Teammates: Reina Jackson, Kierra Ward
3rd Place	Maxey Elementary School, Lincoln Teammates: Joshua Selzer, Nicole Selzer

Individual

1st Place	Adam Gilmore, Columbus
2nd Place	Grant Lahm, Columbus
3rd Place	Reina Jackson, Lincoln
1st Under 300	Alex Pandorf, Columbus
1st Unrated	Seth Spykstra, Fremont
2nd Unrated	Kierra Ward, Lincoln

ELEMENTARY SECTION

Team

1st Place	St. Isidore Elementary School, Columbus Teammates: Cale Albracht, Stephen Pandorf, Thomas Schumacher, Matthew Greiner, Nicholas Pandorf, Austin Wendt
2nd Place	St. Bonaventure Elementary School, Columbus Teammates: Derek Lahm, Mark Ternus, Trenton Kuta, Brandon Nichelson, Adam Moore, Nathan Foreman, Lauren Kuta
3rd Place	Pyrtle Elementary School, Lincoln Teammates: Lucas Tieso, Tim Kubert, Eric Neemann

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Individual

1st Place	John Hurdle, Lincoln
2nd Place	Caleb Klatt, Columbus
3rd Place	Christopher Wattermann, West Point
4th Place	Cale Albracht, Columbus
5th Place	Stephen Pandorf, Columbus
6th Place	Andrew Peterson, Lincoln
1st Under 600	Thomas Schumacher, Columbus
2nd Under 600	Brett Pierce, Fremont
1st Unrated	Lucas Tieso, Lincoln

MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH

Team

1st Place	O'Neill High School, O'Neill Teammates: Taylor Carlson, Ryan Lieb, Paul Tompkins
2nd Place	Oak Valley School, Lincoln Teammates: Terra Garay, Ben Nabity
3rd Place	Wattermann Homeschool, West Point Teammates: Matthew Wattermann, Katie Wattermann

Individual

1st Place	Terra Garay, Lincoln
2nd Place	Joseph Knobbe, West Point
3rd Place	Taylor Carlson, O'Neill
4th Place	Will Drevo, Crete
1st Under 700	Josh Melcher, Lincoln
1st Unrated	Mateo Tijerina, Lincoln
2nd Unrated	Austin Wegener, York

SENIOR HIGH SECTION

Team

1st Place	O'Neill High School, O'Neill Teammates: Kyle Sobotka, David Tompkins
2nd Place	Columbus High School, Columbus Teammates: Jason Lescelius, Andrew Lescelius
3rd Place	Black Knights Homeschool Group, Fremont Teammates: Anna Elsey, Jared Owens, Joe Elsey

Individual

1st Place	Michael Lin, Omaha
2nd Place	Jason Lescelius, Columbus
3rd Place	Kyle Sobotka, O'Neill

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4th Place David Tompkins, O'Neill
1st Under 800/Unrated
Bryan Davis, Clarks

RESERVE SECTION

1st Place Thomas Salyard, Columbus
2nd Place David Buckley, Lincoln
3rd Place Thomas Kopp, Bellevue
4th Place Randall Heckman, Kearney
1st Under 1200/Unrated
Chad Cox, Grand Island

OPEN SECTION

1st Place Jason Mueller, Bellevue
2nd Place Tony Dutiel, Omaha
3rd Place Robert Kopp, Bellevue
1st 1600/Under Kevin Swartz, Columbus

Cornucopia: Open

#	Name	Rtg	1	2	3	Tot
1	Jason L Mueller	2029	W8	W4	D2	2.5
2	Tony Dutiel	1703	D5	W6	D1	2.0
3	Robert T Kopp	1555	L4	W8	W7	2.0
4	Albert S Zhou	1715	W3	L1	D5	1.5
5	Kevin Swartz	1554	D2	D7	D4	1.5
6	Carlos B Cardenas	1654	D7	L2	W8	1.5
7	Nathan M Klatt	1409	D6	D5	L3	1.0
8	Gary T Marks	1600	L1	L3	L6	0.0

SwissSys Standings. Cornucopia: Reserve

#	Name	Rtg	1	2	3	4	Tot
1	Thomas J Salyard	1300	W7	W12	W5	D2	3.5
2	David Buckley	1363	W6	D10	W8	D1	3.0
3	Thomas J Kopp	1355	W4	L5	W10	W6	3.0
4	Randall K Heckman	1144	L3	W7	W13	W5	3.0
5	Garrett J Wirka	1281	W8	W3	L1	L4	2.0
6	William C Walker	1212	L2	W9	W12	L3	2.0
7	Chad J Cox	unr.	L1	L4	W11	W12	2.0
8	Richard G Olson	1458	L5	W11	L2	W10	2.0
9	Philipp L Fischer	1331	L12	L6	B---	W13	2.0
10	Jeff F Clarke	1302	W13	D2	L3	L8	1.5
11	John J Brejda	793	H---	L8	L7	B---	1.5
12	Thomas C Walsh Jr	1135	W9	L1	L6	L7	1.0
13	D W Rystrom	888	L10	B---	L4	L9	1.0

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Cornucopia: High School K-12

#	Name	Rtg	1	2	3	4	Tot
1	Michael K Lin	899	W9	W6	W2	W7	4.0
2	Jason C Lescelius	1023	W4	W3	L1	W8	3.0
3	Kyle Sobotka	unr.	W10	L2	W8	W6	3.0
4	David N Tompkins	664	L2	W8	W9	W10	3.0
5	Rose E Lombard	817	D8	W10	L6	W9	2.5
6	Andrew Lescelius	1074	W7	L1	W5	L3	2.0
7	Bryan L Davis	771	L6	W9	W10	L1	2.0
8	Anna P Elsey	500	D5	L4	L3	L2	0.5
9	Jared Owens	532	L1	L7	L4	L5	0.0
10	Joe R Elsey	906	L3	L5	L7	L4	0.0

Cornucopia: MS K-9

#	Name	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
1	Terra B Garay	1130	W11	W9	W2	D4	W5	4.5
2	Joseph M Knobbe	748	W16	W6	L1	W7	W4	4.0
3	Taylor L Carlson	666	W21	W12	W6	L5	W8	4.0
4	Will Drevo	1160	W14	W7	W5	D1	L2	3.5
5	Matthew Wattermann	987	W18	W10	L4	W3	L1	3.0
6	Isaiah K Robbins	1089	W13	L2	L3	W11	W12	3.0
7	Ryan C Lieb	812	W8	L4	W18	L2	W14	3.0
8	Josh Melcher	609	L7	W17	W14	W10	L3	3.0
9	Jonathan Schreiber	796	W15	L1	L13	W19	W17	3.0
10	Taylor Frederick	743	W17	L5	W20	L8	W13	3.0
11	Katie Wattermann	639	L1	W15	D12	L6	W20	2.5
12	Ben Nabity	948	W20	L3	D11	W13	L6	2.5
13	Holly Lombard	595	L6	W16	W9	L12	L10	2.0
14	Joshua S Robbins	664	L4	W19	L8	W16	L7	2.0
15	Mateo Tijerina	unr.	L9	L11	W19	W18	L16	2.0
16	Austin Wegener	unr.	L2	L13	W21	L14	W15	2.0
17	Paul Tompkins	unr.	L10	L8	B---	W20	L9	2.0
18	Justin W Minchow	460	L5	W21	L7	L15	B---	2.0
19	Kass Eisenmenger	396	B---	L14	L15	L9	W21	2.0
20	Ruthie Tijerina	418	L12	B---	L10	L17	L11	1.0
21	Harrison Schow	unr.	L3	L18	L16	B---	L19	1.0

Cornucopia: Elementary K-6

Name	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
1. John Hurdle	886	W18	W16	D2	W5	W8	4.5
2. Caleb D Klatt	1055	W24	W8	D1	W7	W9	4.5
3. Christopher Wattermann	878	W21	W17	L7	W16	W13	4.0
4. Cale Albracht	533	L9	W22	W19	D6	W14	3.5
5. Stephen Pandorf	771	W26	W27	D9	L1	W7	3.5
6. Andrew Peterson	765	W25	L10	W27	D4	W15	3.5
7. Derek Lahm	657	W11	W14	W3	L2	L5	3.0
8. Mark Ternus	675	W15	L2	W11	W10	L1	3.0
9. Darrin S Lim	959	W4	W13	D5	D14	L2	3.0
10. Thomas Schumacher	598	W20	W6	L14	L8	W23	3.0
11. Lucas Tieso	unr.	L7	W12	L8	W26	W17	3.0
12. Brett T Pierce	526	L14	L11	W18	W19	W16	3.0
12. Trenton R Kuta	659	W22	L9	W26	W17	L3	3.0
13. Ben E Melcher	935	W12	L7	W10	D9	L4	2.5
14. Tim Kubert	unr.	L8	D24	W20	W25	L6	2.5
15. Matthew Greiner	647	W23	L1	W25	L3	L12	2.0
16. Nicholas Pandorf	636	W19	L3	W24	L13	L11	2.0
17. Austin Wendt	444	L1	D20	L12	D21	W25	2.0
18. Brandon Nichelson	unr.	L17	W21	L4	L12	W26	2.0

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19. Adam Moore	unr.	L10	D18	L15	W24	D21	2.0
20. Haley Halverson	405	L3	L19	B---	D18	D20	2.0
21. Caleb Spykstra	unr.	L13	L4	L23	B---	W27	2.0
22. Eric Neemann	unr.	L16	L25	W22	W27	L10	2.0
23. Laura Wattermann	556	L2	D15	L17	L20	B---	1.5
24. Nathan Foreman	unr.	L6	W23	L16	L15	L18	1.0
25. Elicia Micek	292	L5	B---	L13	L11	L19	1.0
26. Lauren R Kuta	100	B---	L5	L6	L23	L22	1.0

Cornucopia: Primary K-3

Name	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
1. Adam Gilmore	905	W7	W6	W4	W5	L3	4.0
2. Grant O Lahm	254	W10	W5	W6	L4	W7	4.0
3. Reina Jackson	211	L8	W11	W7	W10	W1	4.0
4. Joshua Selzer	423	W9	W8	L1	W2	L5	3.0
5. Colin Klatt	727	W12	L2	W10	L1	W4	3.0
6. Joel Brejda	378	W11	L1	L2	W8	W12	3.0
7. Alex T Pandorf	100	L1	W9	L3	W11	L2	2.0
8. Seth Spykstra	unr.	W3	L4	D9	L6	D11	2.0
9. Kierra Ward	unr.	L4	L7	D8	D12	W10	2.0

Midwest & AmericInn Tournaments - by Jim Walla

On Dec. 4, 2004, the annual Midwest Open and an AmericInn qualifier chess tournament were held at the Lincoln AmericInn motel on north 27th Street. Thanks to Lisa Wood, the motel manager, for allowing the NSCA to conduct its State Closed qualifier at the same time and location as the AmericInn tournament. Richard Olson was the director for both tournaments, and he did an outstanding job of "maintaining his balance" as he juggled both jobs throughout the day.

The Midwest got under way at 9:30am with fourteen participants. Because of the limited number, the Reserve Section was combined with the Open. The first round was held in the motel conference room, but subsequent rounds were transferred to four rooms on the first floor which were altered to allow for two boards and four people to be placed in each room. This avoided cramped conditions and the chess players could close the doors to dampen the noise coming from the lobby area after the children and their parents arrived at noon. A total of 31 eager and talented young prospects bided their time as Richard and I set up extra tables and chairs to accomodate them. This was one of the largest turnouts for an AmericInn qualifier tournament across the nation!

At 1:30pm we were finally ready to push those pawns. The children



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got down to business and played very quietly and respectfully. Several news crews videotaped and took photos, but they did not interfere with the proceedings. The time controls for the AmericInn tournament were game/30 and most finished well before the hour elapsed for their rounds. Only two games went the distance and had clocks placed on them. At the end of the day and after the smoke cleared, three players earned the right to play in the national AmericInn tournament in St. Paul in February. In the open rating section, Keaton Kiewra won with a 4/4 score. In the 1000-1400 rating category, Garret Shrader qualified with 3 points. And in the under 1000 section, Branden Thomson also finished undefeated with 4 points. Good luck to all of them in Minnesota!

The Midwest Open did not finish until 9:00pm. Most games were very competitive and many went the distance of 3 hours. An especially hard fought game was the match between Albert Zhou and Ben Fabrikant, which eventually decided the winner. Albert prevailed during the last few seconds as Ben said he had severe time pressure and made a mistake. That's okay, Ben, it is not as if that has not happened to the rest of us from time to time. And we will hear more from you at the Closed!

Albert Zhou will also qualify for the Closed as the winner of the Midwest. He finished with 3 1/2 points out of four. Also finishing high were Ben Fabrikant,, Kent Nelson, Ken Roberts, and Doug Given. Randall Heckman and Dave Given won trophies in the Reserve section, and Anthony Heller carted away a double prize. He won the 1st Reserve trophy with 2 points and also scored the biggest upset. I hope you spend that \$25.00 wisely, Anthony!

UNK Open

- Randall Heckman

The second annual Fall UNK Open Chess Tournament was held on the UNK campus in the Student Union on Saturday, November 6, 2004. The tournament was a four game event played in two sections, an open section that was open to anyone, and a pre-high school section for elementary school students and middle school students. There were 19 participants in the open section, one who was actually a middle school student, and 11 participants in the pre-high school section. Trophies were awarded to the top three finishers in the open section, the top two placing college students, and the top three placing high school, middle school, and elementary school students.

As will be noted from the list of winners below, the second placing public school student in the open section was Nathan Klatt of Columbus, NE who is actually a (rather talented) middle school student. Also of note is the performance of the Syed Hossain family of Kearney. The father, Syed, took

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second place in the open section, his son Areeb took the first middle school trophy, and another of his sons, Imaad, tied for the first place elementary school trophy.

Tournament Results (The number in parentheses after the name of the winner is the score of the individual out of 4 possible points):

Open Section

- 1st: Tony Dutiel (3.5) of Omaha
- 2nd: Syed Hossain (3.0) of Kearney
- 3rd: Bill Ketchum (3.0) of Kearney

College Students

- 1st: Rick Callahan (3.0) a UNK student from Grand Island
- 2nd: Jim Swartz (2.5) a Central Community College student from Columbus

High School Students

- 1st: Kevin Swartz (3.5) from Columbus
- 2nd: Nathan Klatt (3.0) a middle school student from Columbus
- 3rd: Kyle Sabotka (2.0) from O'Neill

Middle School

- 1st: Areeb Hossain (3.5) from Horizon Middle School of Kearney
- 2nd: Darrin Lim (3.5, tie for 1st) from Lincoln
- 3rd: Nathan Durre (3.0) from Sunrise Middle School of Kearney

Elementary School

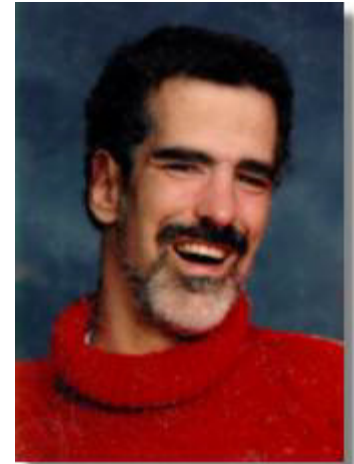
- 1st: Matthew Schattil (2.0) from Lincoln
- 2nd: Imaad Hossain (2.0, tie for 1st) from Windy Hills Elementary School of Kearney
- 3rd: Austin Bacon (1.0) from Kearney

A REMEMBRANCE OF BILL RUSH

- Tom Lombard

The exact date will probably remain a mystery until I find the score sheet from that game as I've made it a habit to record all of my games including the dates and rating of myself and my opponent. It was sometime in the early 1980's when I was a fairly regular attendee of the Lincoln Chess Club that met at the old F Street Recreation Center. The first round of the Lincoln City Championship was taking place that evening. I believe the format was something along the lines of there being several sections, with the top section actually competing for the city championship. I was playing in the bottom section. The pairings were available and I was to play someone I hadn't heard of, Bill Rush. It turned out that this was to be his first time at the club and his first USCF rated game.

I was informed that I would not be able to play my game with Bill in the same room as the other games. The club met on the second floor of the old rec center which was accessed by a narrow flight of wooden stairs that included a couple of turns along the way. My opponent was in a wheelchair so we would have to find a corner on the first floor, among the billiards and ping pong tables. It



turned out that we were allowed to use the rec center's kitchen, but it probably took Bill 15 minutes to navigate his chair the 40 feet from the front door to the kitchen. If you have a picture in your head of someone using their hands to roll the wheels on their wheelchair to traverse the obstacle course that was the main playing area of the rec center, you'll need to add a few things to that picture. Bill couldn't use his hands to roll his chair. Bill's Cerebral Palsy had left his body ill-equipped for physical adventures like this. His chair was guided by a combination of directional controls behind Bill's head, and speed and forward/reverse switches on the table top on the front of his chair. He manipulated these switches with a rubber tipped, aluminum rod that stuck out from his forehead that

was held on by a strap around his head. It sounds awkward and it was. As I said, Bill probably spent 15 minutes getting to the kitchen as he bounced off of pool tables and rearranged the lighter ping pong tables in a continuous adjustment to over-corrections in direction and frequent backings up to get a better shot at the next obstacle. Yes, I and others did offer help, but Bill, who was used to dealing with these sorts of situations, had this one under control as long as we weren't in a big hurry.

We eventually were able to get our game started in the kitchen. Again, this was Bill's first USCF rated game. His love of the game would

see him play in dozens of over-the-board and postal tournaments over the following 2 decades until his health made it impossible for him to continue. Bill's over-the-board results were not particularly noteworthy. I believe his USCF OTB rating may have exceeded 1200 for a while but usually hovered around 1100. Bill's enthusiasm for the game, and his willingness to share his enthusiasm were, however, worthy of note. Bill was genuinely disappointed when he would receive a bye and had to sit out a round. He didn't care about the half point or his point total for the day. He wanted to play chess. He did win a few trophies for D and E classes and was quite pleased with them, but he was more pleased with winning the games to

...dropping pieces was something that seemed to haunt his play against the age 10 and under group.

get those trophies. Having played a lot of skittles with Bill, I always thought that his playing strength was a bit higher than his rating. An indication to support this is that Bill also played some correspondence chess and had a rating of nearly 1800! His tournament results were, on occasion, affected by medication and the physical strain we all feel during a full day of chess.

There is another factor that may have hurt Bill's rating, although I have no proof. Bill and I were

playing in one of his first tournaments, and he was paired against a boy of about 8 years of age. Part way through his game, Bill drove over to me and

started poking at letters on the letter board of the table affixed to the front of his chair. Bill felt that the boy was more than just distracted by his physical condition but was actually quite afraid of Bill. Bill wanted to resign and give the boy the game. He and I had a quick talk about the fact that the kid was there wanting to win as much as Bill did. Bill was playing despite any physical issues and, likewise, so was his opponent. I also briefed Bill on a chess concept with which Bill wasn't familiar... sandbagging. Typically, sandbagging is intentionally losing games so that your rating will stay low and you have a (theoretically) better chance at winning prizes for lower sections than your actual playing strength. He understood that it wasn't fair to either player

if a game is intentionally lost. Bill agreed that he and the boy would have to continue playing with the end result being determined by better play. However, when the game ended and I asked Bill why he lost, he poked the letters to tell me "I dropped my queen". He also had one of those hand-caught-in-the-cookie-jar looks.

Hmmm... Bill would really give his game everything he had against adults, and his wins over a pair of 1350+ players in the '93 Cornhusker Games is an indication that he was capable of some decent games. However, dropping pieces was something that seemed to haunt his play against the age 10 and under group.

Between rounds, Bill wanted to talk to the boy and I helped with the conversation as Bill poked out the letters on his letter board. He loved to "talk" to the kids he would meet at tournaments. He loved to get in some extra skittles

games with adults, but interacting with the kids seemed to give him more pleasure than a successful swindle. As they talked, the boy became more comfortable and wanted to find out more about

Bill's life, Bill was happy to answer questions. (Read Bill's book - "Journey Out of Silence") The boy asked, "Were you in an accident?" and Bill replied, "No, I was born like this." Keep in mind that the boy was around 8 years old as his eyes got disbelievably big and he questioned, "You were born in a

wheelchair?". If anyone was capable of a spasmodic roar of laughter, it was Bill. He howled as his arms flung about and he would have fallen out of his chair and rolled around on the floor in laughter if he weren't strapped in so tightly. The boy's eyes got even wider. He quickly realized that Bill was laughing, but didn't know why until Bill recovered enough to type out a brief explanation of Cerebral Palsy and what he was challenged with when he was the boy's age. Bill once told me of playing Superman as a youngster with

his brothers or some friends. Bill (Superman) would be placed on a bed with a block of "kryptonite". Superman's arch foes would play their evil roles around the bed while our hero, weakened by the



"Journey Out of Silence, an autobiography, describes Bill's trip from what could have been mediocrity to an outstanding display of journalistic ability."

kryptonite to the point where he couldn't use his arms or legs, would squirm around with super-resolve until he was able to knock the kryptonite off of the bed, which would lead to the recovery of his super powers and the vanquishing of the bad guys.

Just like a lot of chess players, Bill became too active in "real" pursuits and had less time to spend on recreation. He married (which alone has terminated chess activities for a lot of players) and made increasing use of his journalistic talents (I believe that Bill was the first, quadriplegic graduate at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, earning a degree in Journalism with Distinction in '83) in his active fight for equal rights and access to persons with disabilities. His play into the '90s was limited to occasional participation in the Cornhusker Games and the Polar Bear. He gamely played in the '03 Cornhusker Games although he was heavily medicated due to the pain from a cracked vertebrae. I talked with him as he was leaving the event as the last round was just getting started. He lost all of his 4 previous games up to that point and, despite the pain, the medication, and the stress from an already full day of chess, he was disappointed to get a bye in the final round.

Bill died on December the 13th, 2004 of complications from multiple bouts of pneumonia this year. I understand that he was surrounded by friends and relatives only a few days before as part of

an early Christmas gathering for him. People who knew Bill will remember him in different ways for different things. I'm going to remember him as someone who was always eager to tap one of two outstretched fists with the tip of his headstick, hoping to pick the one holding a white pawn. ♖

Editor's Note: Tom obviously knew Bill far better than I, and I only remember playing Bill in a couple of tournaments in the 80s. The thing I remember most clearly was Bill losing games on time. I remember thinking how unfair it was that he didn't get extra time due to the difficulty he had making moves. Now, after reading this wonderful remembrance of Bill, I realize that he wouldn't have had it any other way.

You can read more about Bill Rush on his web site at:

<http://www.billandchris.com/>

The Lincoln Journal-Star also did a piece on Bill's passing. You can find that online at:

<http://www.journalstar.com/articles/2004/12/15/local/doc41bfcd3d2a83d152851076.txt>

You can buy Bill's Book, *Journey Out of Silence*, from Amazon.com

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/offer-listing/0939644215//103-8053618-5146238?condition=all>



Tournament Notice



BELMONT

CHESS TOURNAMENT

A Non USCF-Rated Tournament

Thursday, January 27, 2005

At Belmont Baptist Church

3424 N. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68521

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Registration will open by 6:00 p.m., be present by 6:30pm

Registration will close at 6:45pm in order to make pairings and start by 7:00pm. Persons who arrive late may still play. They will be paired as time permits after the Tournament begins.

Cost: \$3.00 per player. All ages may enter, adults too!

- You do not need to take notation during the games.
- You do not need to use a chess clock if you do not have one.
- You do not need to be a member of USCF.

Sections: Number of sections will depend on number of entries and the ratings of the players. Ex: Open Section and an under 800 Section.

Rounds: There will be 3 Rounds. Time limit is G/15.

A Clock may be put on games lasting over 20 minutes. Tie breaks for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place will be by speed games of G/2.

Certificates: Certificates will be given to winners: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st under 1000, 1st under 800, 1st under 600, 1st unrated.

Prizes: Each player who enters will receive a prize. A prize table will be set up and players may choose one prize off of the prize table in the order of their rank as determined by their wins in the tournament.

Food: A Concession Stand will be open.

Pre-register: Dale Robbins 402.742.7986 drobbins0809@yahoo.com

Sets: Bring your own Chess Set.

The combined

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS and COLUMBUS VALENTINE CHESS TOURNAMENT

will be held on

Saturday, February 12, 2005

at PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2720 28th St., Columbus, NE
please use southwest door to enter the church building

The top **Nebraska** player in each scholastic section is the **2005 Nebraska Scholastic Individual Titled Chess Champion** for that section and will be awarded a trophy. Nebraska players only may compete in scholastic sections. For eligibility requirements, please contact NSCA Scholastic Coordinator Jim Swartz.

The top **Nebraska** player enrolled in **grades 9-12** (this spring at a Nebraska school) in the **Senior High Section** will be the **Nebraska qualifier** for the **Denker Tournament**. Details on how section chess champions and how the Denker Tournament qualifier will be determined *in case of tie* will be posted on site.

Opening announcements 9:10 a.m. Pairings begin 9:10 a.m.

Advance and on-site registrants *who have checked-in* will be paired for round 1.

1st Round, all sections, 9:30 a.m.

On-site registration from 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Advance registrants please check in by 9:00 a.m.

An NSCA meeting will be held during the lunch break; time will be announced.

Open Section: Open to anyone, a *Nebraska POY event*.

3 rounds, rnds 1-2 G/75, rnd 3 G/90. NSCA memb. req'd, OSA.

Reserve Section: Open to under 1500 or unrated only.

4 rounds, G/60.

The Open and Reserve Sections may be combined if there is a low number of registrants in either. Number of rounds/time controls would then be adjusted and would be posted at tournament site..

Scholastic Championship Sections

Senior High: Open to K-12. 4 rounds, G/60, or 5 rounds, rnds 1-3 G/45, rnds 4-5 G/60.

Middle School/Junior High: Open to K-9. 4 rounds, G/60, or 5 rounds, rnds 1-3 G/45, rnds 4-5 G/60.

Elementary: Open to K-6. 5 rounds, rnd 1 G/30, rnds 2-5 G/45, or 6 rounds, rnds 1-2 G/30, rnds 3-6 G/45.

Primary: Open to K-3. 4, 5 or 6 Rounds. G/30.

****The number of rounds and time controls for each of the scholastic sections will be announced or posted at the start of the tournament. If there are 2 players with a perfect score after posted number of rounds in a scholastic section, a play-off round may be played between those 2 chess players..*

A 1st Place Trophy will be awarded in all sections. The 1st Place Trophy in each Scholastic Section will also be that section's championship trophy. Other trophy(ies) will be awarded in all sections. The specific trophies to be awarded will be based on number of entries in each section and will be posted at tournament site prior to the start of round 2.

Players are requested to bring a chess clock (those who have one) and a tournament chess set. Normally, chess sets are provided in the Primary and Elementary Sections. Chess players in the other sections are expected to provide their own.

USCF membership is required for all sections except the Primary Section. USCF membership is required in the Primary Section if the chess player has been or is currently a USCF member. Membership rates: USCF (Affiliate): Scholastic (under 15) \$17/year, Economy Scholastic (under 15, no magazine) \$13/year, Youth (under 20) \$23/year, Adult \$47/year. Other USCF membership types are available including Family, contact the USCF or check the USCF web-site for more information. NSCA membership is required for all sections except Reserve and Primary.

Membership rates: NSCA: \$10.00, \$6.00 Junior (under age 20), \$12.00 Family.

Rates as of 12/15/04.

Contacts: Tom Powell 402-564-1826, Jim/Karen Swartz 402-563-3820

For Scholastic Sections: Subsequent rounds will start approx. 10 minutes after completion of prior round. Lunch break will be announced.

We are attempting to make arrangements for someone to have a food stand at the site. However, if we're not able to arrange for one, we'll attempt to schedule the lunch break for Primary and Elementary sections at the same time. ** see note below.

Announcements on day of tournament take precedence over this flier.

This is an NSCA co-sponsored event, a portion of the proceeds will go to the NSCA.

Mail registration and entry fee for all sections to:

Karen Swartz, 6808 66th St.,

Columbus, NE. 68601-8325, (402)-563-3820, columbus.chess@frontiernet.net

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Make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Chess Club.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER.

Advance with payment \$8.00 Must be received or postmarked by Monday,

February 7, 2005

Phone/email \$11.00 Must be received by 10 p.m., Thursday, February 10, 2005

*** no phone or email registrations on day of tournament ***

At site \$13.00 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

On-site registrants arriving after 8:45 a.m. and advance registrants arriving after 9:00 a.m. may be given a half-point bye for round 1.

Out of consideration for those who choose to arrive in a timely manner, we will attempt to begin round 1 as close to 9:30 a.m. as possible. We plan to begin pairings for round 1 at 9:10. Advance registrants who have checked in and on-site registrants will be paired. Advance registrants who find that they are unable to attend the tournament or that they will be delayed should attempt to notify the tournament director at 402-563-3820 in advance or between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. No last minute emails, please.

“Byes” available all rounds except final round. Tournament Director must be notified before start of prior round or, for round 1, in advance or at check-in. Chess players will receive a half-point for his/her first “bye” only.

Wheelchair accessible, no smoking, no computers. Shirt and shoes required.

Name _____ Phone # _____

email _____

Address _____

City/state/zip _____

birthdate _____

Section _____ USCF ID _____

USCF exp. date _____ NSCA exp. date _____

Scholastic: *School Attending* _____

Grade _____ Amount encl. _____

NOTE REGARDING FOOD STAND: If/when we've made arrangements for a food stand for this tournament, a statement will be added to the flier on the NSCA web-site with details. You may also contact Karen after February 1.

In case of inclement weather, please use your own judgment about coming.

Tournament Notice

25th Anniversary MERRICK COUNTY OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 22, 2005

Dining room of Nebraska Christian School
One mile West & North of Central City

Registration 8:00 to 8:30am

Entry fee \$10 on site, \$7.25 if received by Jan. 20

Fee includes 3 pieces of pizza at noon

Open Section: A POY EVENT - 4 rounds, G/75

1st round at 9:00am with 10 minutes between rounds

Trophies to 1st, 1st under 1900

Reserve Section: Open to under 1600 - 4 rounds, G/75

1st round at 9:10am with 10 minutes between rounds

Trophies to 1st, 1st under 1400, 1st under 1200

Junior Section: K-12 - 5 rounds, G/1

Trophies to 1st, 1st High School, 1st K-9, 1st u/1000, 1st/800

Membership in USCF required & available on site.

SEND ENTRIES TO:

Richard Olson

409 E Amity St

Clarks, NE 68628

Include name & address, section, USCF ID#

The Official NSCA NEBRASKA STATE TEAM SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team and individual competition in 4 sections

will be held on

Saturday, March 12, 2005

at PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH,
2720 28th St., Columbus, NE

please use southwest door to enter the church building

Opening announcements 9:10 a.m.

Pairings begin 9:10 a.m.

Advance registrants who have checked-in and on-site registrants will be paired for round 1.

1st Round, all sections, 9:30 a.m.

On-site registration from 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Advance registrants please check in by 9:00 a.m.

The top Nebraska school team in each scholastic section is the titled 2005 Nebraska State Team Chess Champion for that section and will be awarded a trophy.

Team Eligibility Requirements: Team participants must currently be enrolled in and attending the school they represent. NSCA reserves the right to confirm a student's enrollment and/or to have the student and/or parents sign a statement confirming enrollment. Home-schoolers may form teams, or they may participate in a school team if they have written verification from the school principal that they are a member of that school's team or club. Membership in a school club does not make a person eligible to represent that school if the person is enrolled elsewhere. To be considered a home-schooled student, the student must have received a Rule 12 or Rule 13 acknowledgement letter from the State Dept. of Education. Refer eligibility questions to NSCA President Jim Walla or NSCA Scholastic Coordinator Jim Swartz.

Senior High: Open to K-12. 4 rnds, G/60 or 5 rnds 1-3 G/45, 4-5 G/60.
9th graders attending a Senior High School are encouraged to compete in this section.

Middle/Junior High: Open to K-9. 4 rnds G/60 or 5 rnds 1-4 G/45, 5 G/60.
6th graders attending a Middle School are encouraged to compete in this section.

Elementary: Open to K-6. 4, 5, or 6 rnds 1-2 G/30, remaining rnds G/45.

Primary: Open to K-3. 4, 5, or 6 rnds, G/30.

The number of rounds and time controls for each of the scholastic sections will be announced or posted at the start of the tournament.

A 1st place individual trophy and a 1st place championship team trophy will be awarded in all sections. Other trophy(ies), individual and/or team, will be awarded in all sections depending upon number of entries in each section. Details will be posted at tournament site prior to the start of round 2.

Players are requested to bring a chess clock (those who have one) and a tournament chess set. Normally, chess sets are provided for the primary and elementary sections. Chess players in other sections are expected to bring their own.

"Team Score" will be the total of the scores of the top four chess players of a school.

To be eligible for a team trophy, a school team must have a minimum of two players within the same section.

Team members may be paired per the "Plus-two method" outlined in the 5th edition of the U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess. For more information, contact the tournament director.

USCF membership is required for all sections except the Primary Section. USCF membership is required in the Primary Section if the chess player has been or is currently a USCF member.

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Contacts: Tom Powell (402)-564-1826, Jim or Karen Swartz (402)-563-3820. Subsequent rounds will start approx. 10 minutes after completion of prior round. Lunch break will be announced.

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the NSCA.

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Advance: \$9.00 Must be postmarked by Monday, March 7, 2005

Phone/email: \$12.00 Must be received by 10 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2005

*** no phone or e-mail registrants on day of tournament***

At site: \$15.00 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. On-site registrants arriving after 8:45 a.m. may be given a half-point bye for round 1.

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"Byes" available all rounds except final round. Tournament Director must be notified before start of prior round or, for round 1, in advance or at check-in. Chess players will receive a half-point for his/her first "bye" only.

Wheelchair accessible, no smoking, no computers. Proper attire, including shirt and shoes, is required.

Name _____ Phone # _____

email _____

Address _____

Section _____ USCF ID _____

exp. date _____ NSCA exp. date _____

School Name _____ grade _____

birth date _____

NOTE REGARDING FOOD STAND:

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In case of inclement weather, please use your own judgment about coming.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS KEATON KIEWRA

- Kent Smotherman

The Internet Chess Club hosts a tournament every year in which each state's chess champion competes for the title of Champion of Champions. This year's tournament was held on September 19th for the Western Conference. The game format is speed chess using Fischer clocks with 3/1 time controls (3 minutes plus 1 second per move). Nebraska's champion Keaton Kiewra scored 6 out of a possible 9, finishing 5th out of 18. Here are Keaton's games with tactical analysis by SigmaChess (20 secs/move), ending position is shown after each game:

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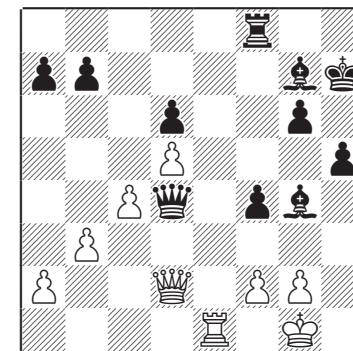
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h3 h5 24. Nh2 Bxh3 25. Bxe4 Rxe4 26. Qf3 Rxe1+ 27. Rxe1 Bf5 { -3.64 27... Bd7 28. Qd3 Re8 29. Rxe8 Bxe8 30. Nf3 Qe7 31. b4 b6 } 28. Qe2 Kh7 { -3.58 28... h4 29. Kh1 Qd8 30. Qd2 Re8 31. Rxe8 Qxe8 32. Nf3 } 29. Nf3 Qf6 30. Qd2 Bg4 31. Nd4 Qxd4 0-1



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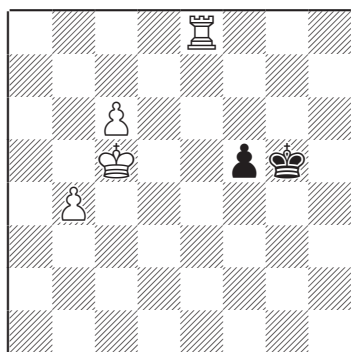
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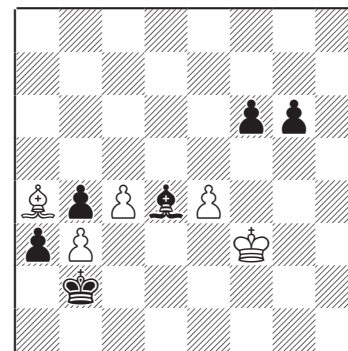
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Kh7 24. fxc6 fxc6 25. Rdg1 Rad8
 26. Rxc6 Qxe4 } bxc3 24. Qxc3 Qxc3
 25. bxc3 gxf5 26. Rg2+ Kf6 27. Rg5
 Rab8+ 28. Kc2 a3 29. Rxf5+ Ke6 30.
 Rb1 { +1.06 30. c4 Rb2 31. Kc3 Kd6
 32. Ra1 Rf2 33. Rxh5 Rxf4 34. Rh6 f6
 35. h5 } Rxb1 31. Kxb1 Rb8+ 32. Kc1
 Rb2 33. Rxc5 Kd6 34. Rxh5 Rxa2 35.
 Ra5 Rh2 36. Rxa3 Rxh4 37. f5 Rh2
 38. Ra7 Rf2 39. Rb7 { +1.40 39. d4
 Rf4 40. e5 Kd5 41. Rxe7 Rxf5 42. Kd2
 f6 43. Rf7 Ke6 44. Rc7 fxe5 45. Rxc6
 Kd5 } c5 40. Rb2 Rf3 41. Rd2 { +1.17
 41. Kc2 c4 42. dxc4 Re3 43. Rb4 Kc6
 44. c5 Kxc5 45. Kd2 Rg3 } Ke5 42.
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 45. Rxe7 Kf6 46. Re8 Rf5 47. Kb3
 Kg5 48. Kb4 Rf1 49. c5 Rb1+ 50. Kc4
 f5 51. c6 Rb6 52. Kc5 { +6.05 52. Kd5
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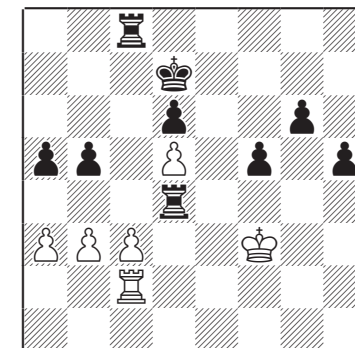
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 Kh1 O-O 10. f4 Nc6 11. Be3 Nxd4
 12. Bxd4 e5 13. fxe5 dxe5 14. Bg1
 Be6 15. Nd1 b5 16. Ne3 Rad8 17.
 Nf5 Bxf5 18. Rxf5 g6 19. Rf3 Nh5
 20. Be3 Bc5 21. Bh6 Nf4 22. Bxf4
 exf4 23. Raf1 Bd6 24. Re1 Be5 25. b3
 Rd6 { -0.96 25... Qa5 26. c4 bxc4 27.
 bxc4 Rb8 28. Rc1 Rb2 29. Rc2 } 26.
 Rff1 Rfd8 27. Qg4 Qe7 { -1.58 27...
 Qa5 28. a4 bxa4 29. bxa4 Qxa4 30.
 Rb1 Re6 31. Qg5 } 28. Re2 h5 { -1.29
 28... Rc6 29. Rd2 Rc3 30. Kg1 Qa3
 31. Qh4 Rcc8 } 29. Qh3 Qe6 { -1.21
 29... R6d7 30. a4 bxa4 31. Bxa6 Rd6
 32. Bb5 axb3 33. cxb3 Rd1 } 30. Qxe6
 Rxe6 31. Ree1 Red6 { -0.77 31... h4
 32. Rf3 Red6 33. a4 b4 34. a5 g5 35.
 Rd1 } 32. Rd1 Rc8 { -0.99 32... b4 33.
 Be2 Rd2 34. Bd3 Rxd1 35. Rxd1 Kh7
 36. a4 bxa3EP 37. c4 } 33. c4 b4 { -
 0.53 33... Rcd8 34. Be2 Rd2 35. cxb5
 R8d4 36. Rxd2 Rxd2 37. Bc4 axb5 38.
 Bxb5 Rxa2 } 34. Be2 Rcd8 35. Rxd6
 Rxd6 36. Rd1 Bd4 37. g3 fxc3 38.
 hxc3 Kg7 39. Kg2 Kf6 40. Bf3 Ke5
 41. Rd3 a5 42. Rd1 Rf6 43. Rf1 Ra6
 44. Bd1 f6 45. Bc2 Rc6 46. Rd1 a4 47.
 Rd3 a3 48. Rd1 Rc8 49. Rf1 Rh8 50.
 Kh3 Be3 51. Rd1 Bd4 52. Rf1 Rd8
 53. Rd1 Rd7 54. Rd3 Rh7 55. Rd1
 Rh8 56. Rf1 Rc8 57. Rd1 Rc5 58. Rf1
 Rc7 59. Rd1 Rd7 60. Rf1 Be3 61. Rd1
 Rxd1 62. Bxd1 Kd4 63. g4 hxc4+ 64.
 Bxc4 Kc3 65. Bd7 Kb2 66. Kg3 Kxa2
 67. Kf3 Bd4 { -9.85 67... Bc5 68. Ba4
 Kb1 69. Be8 a2 70. Bxc6 a1 Q 71. Bf5
 Qc3 72. Ke2 Qb2 73. Ke1 Qf2 74. Kd1
 Qf3 75. Ke1 Qe3 76. Kf1 Qxb3 } 68.
 Ba4 Kb2 { -10.35 68... Kb1 69. Be8
 a2 70. Bxc6 a1 Q 71. Bf7 Kc2 72. Bd5
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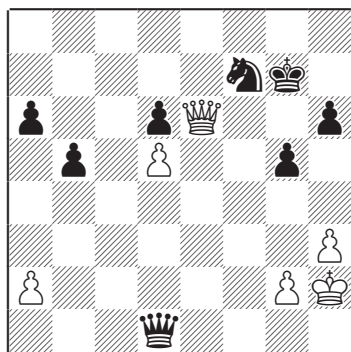
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 Bxc4 11. h3 Bf3 { -2.27 11... Bxe2 12.
 Bxe2 Nxf4 13. Bb5 Kf8 14. Qf3 dxe5
 15. Qxb7 Qc8 16. Qc6 Qxc6 17. Bxc6
 Rb8 } 12. Rg1 dxe5 { -3.69 12... Nxf4
 13. Rf1 Bxe2 14. Bxe2 dxe5 15. Bb5
 Kf8 16. Qf3 Qd5 } 13. fxe5 Bxe5 14.
 c3 Nf4 { -4.20 14... O-O 15. Qc2 e6 16.
 Rf1 Qh4 17. Rf2 Bxe2 18. Bxe2 Qxh3
 } 15. Bb5+ Kf8 16. Kf2 Nxh3+ 17.
 Kxf3 Nxc3+ { -mate 5 17... Qd5 18.
 Kg4 Nf2 19. Kh4 Qe4 20. Nf4 Qxf4
 21. Qg4 Bf6 } 18. Qxc3 Qd5+ 19.
 Kg4 Qxb5 { -mate 6 19... h5 20. Kh4
 g5 21. Kh3 g4 22. Kh4 Bf6 23. Kg3
 Qf3 24. Kh2 Qh3 } 20. Nxd4 Bxd4 {
 -6.32 20... Qd7 21. Kf3 Bxd4 22. Qxd4
 Qxd4 23. cxd4 Kg7 24. d3 } 21. Qxd4
 Qf5+ { -5.05 21... Rg8 22. d3 Ke8 23.
 Qe3 Qf5 24. Kh4 g5 25. Kg3 } 22. Kg3
 Qf6 { -4.83 22... f6 23. Qe3 Kf7 24.

d4 e5 25. dxe5 Qxe5 26. Kh3 Qf5 27.
 Kh2 } 23. Qd7 Qd6+ 24. Qxd6 exd6
 25. d4 f5 26. Bf4 Rd8 { -3.89 26... Ke7
 27. Rh1 Kd7 28. d5 b5 29. Kf3 a5 30.
 Re1 } 27. Re1 Kf7 28. Kf3 Rhe8 29.
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 31. d5 Rd7 32. b3 b5 33. a3 Rc7 } 31.
 d5 Re4 32. b3 b5 33. Rg2 Rc8 34. Rc2
 Ke7 { -5.28 34... Rc5 35. c4 bxc4 36.
 bxc4 Rxc4 37. Rxc4 Rxc4 38. Bxd6
 Rd4 39. Bc5 Rxd5 40. Bxa7 } 35. a3
 a5 { -5.26 35... Rc5 36. Be3 Rxd5 37.
 Bxa7 Rd3 38. Kf2 g5 39. Bd4 h4 40.
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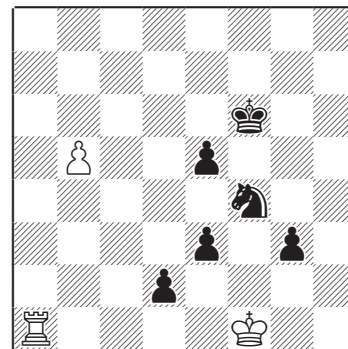
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 d4 d6 14. Nd5 Nxd5 15. exd5 cxd4
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Ne7 } 18. f3 exf3 19. Bxf3 Bd7 20.
Re1 Qf6 { -0.67 20... Qh4 21. Be3 Ba5
 22. Re2 Rfc8 23. Qb3 Rab8 } 21. **Be3**
b5 { -0.90 21... Ba5 22. Re2 Bb5 23.
 Rf2 Rfe8 24. Qb3 f4 25. Bd2 Bxd2 26.
 Rxd2 } 22. **Nf1 Rae8** { -0.91 22... Ba5
 23. Re2 f4 24. Bf2 Nh4 25. Bxh4 Qxh4
 26. Rc1 Bf5 } 23. **Qd2 Bb6** { -0.73
 23... Nh4 24. Bh5 f4 25. Bxe8 fxe3 26.
 Rxe3 Rxe8 27. Rc1 Rxe3 28. Nxe3
 } 24. **Rad1 h6** { -1.18 24... Nh4 25.
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 28. Rxe8 Bxe8 29. Ne3 Nf5 30. Nc2
 } 25. **Bf2 Rxe1** { -0.52 25... Nh4 26.
 Bh5 Rxe1 27. Rxe1 f4 28. Bxh4 Qxh4
 29. Bg6 f3 } 26. **Rxe1 Re8** { -0.53 26...
 Nh4 27. Bd1 f4 28. Bc2 Qg5 29. Be4
 Nf5 } 27. **Rxe8+ Bxe8** 28. Ng3 Ne7
 29. Ne2 Bf7 30. Nf4 g5 31. Nh5 Bxh5
 32. Bxh5 Nxd5 33. Qe2 Ne7 { -1.78
 33... Bxd4 34. Qe8 Kh7 35. Bxd4
 Qxd4 36. Kh1 Qf6 37. Qd7 Ne7 38.
 Qb7 } 34. **Qd3 Kg7** { -0.99 34... d5 35.
 Qd2 Qe6 36. h4 Qf6 37. hgx5 hgx5
 } 35. **Bd1 Nc6** { -0.93 35... d5 36. Bf3
 Qe6 37. Qc3 Ng6 38. Qa3 Bc7 } 36.
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Ne5 { -2.50 38... Qd4 39. Qxd4 Nxd4
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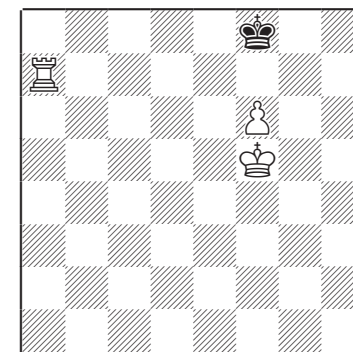
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 O 8. Be3 Nc6 9. Qd2 Bd7 10. h4 Rc8
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 15. Rh2 b5 16. Kb1 Bxd4 17. Qxd4 a5
 } 14. **Bxc4 Rxc4** 15. **Nce2 Qc7** { -0.89
 15... Nf6 16. Qd3 b5 17. Nc3 a6 18.
 g4 } 16. **Kb1 Rc8** { -0.93 16... Nf6 17.
 g4 e5 18. Nb3 Nxe4 19. fxe4 Bxg4 20.
 Bxa7 Bf3 21. Rh3 Bxe4 } 17. **Bh6 Rxc2**
 { -2.04 17... Bxh6 18. Qxh6 e5 19. g4
 Nf6 20. Nb3 Rxc2 21. Qe3 } 18. **Qxc2**
Qxc2+ 19. Nxc2 Bxh6 20. g4 Nf4 21.
Rxh6 Nxe2 22. Rdh1 Rxc2 23. Kxc2
Nd4+ 24. Kd3 Nxf3 25. Rxh7 { +0.65
 25. Ke3 Ng5 26. Kf4 f6 27. Re1 Bxg4
 28. Kxg4 Nxe4 29. Rxe4 f5 30. Kf4
 fxe4 31. Kxe4 } **Bxg4 26. Rh8+** { +1.05
 26. Ke3 Ng5 27. Rh8 Kg7 28. Kf4 Bh5
 29. Rc8 Ne6 30. Ke3 Nc5 } **Kg7 27.**
Rb8 Ne5+ 28. Kc2 { +1.14 28. Ke3 b6
 29. Rb7 e6 30. Rxa7 d5 31. Rc1 dxe4
 32. Kxe4 } **Bf3 29. Rg1** { +0.51 29. Re1
 f5 30. Rxb7 Kf6 31. Kc3 a5 32. Rb5
 Bxe4 33. Rxa5 } **Bxe4+ 30. Kc3 Kf6** {
 -1.71 30... b6 31. Rc8 a6 32. Rb8 Nd7
 33. Re8 Nf6 34. Rd8 } 31. **Ra8 a6 32.**
Rf1+ Ke6 33. b4 g5 { -1.78 33... d5 34.
 Rc1 Nf3 35. Rd8 b5 36. a3 d4 37. Kb2
 d3 } 34. **a4 g4 35. Rg8 f5** { -1.76 35...
 b6 36. Rb8 Nd7 37. Rh8 Nf6 38. a5
 bxa5 39. bxa5 } 36. **b5 axb5 37. axb5**
Kf6 { -2.75 37... Bd3 38. Rh1 Bxb5 39.
 Rf8 Bd7 40. Rh5 Nf7 41. Rh7 Ne5 }
 38. **Rf4 Ng6 39. Rxe4 fxe4 40. Kd4**
 g3 41. **Ke3 e5** { -3.61 41... d5 42. Rd8

g2 43. Kf2 Nf4 44. Rf8 Ke5 45. Rg8
 d4 } 42. **Rb8 d5 43. Rxb7 d4+ 44.**
Ke2 Nf4+ 45. Kf1 d3 { -10.93 45... e3
 46. Rb6 Kf5 47. Rb8 g2 48. Kg1 e2 49.
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 52. Kh2 Qe2 53. Kg3 Qxb5 } 46. **Ra7**
d2 { -13.86 46... e3 47. Ra6 Kf5 48.
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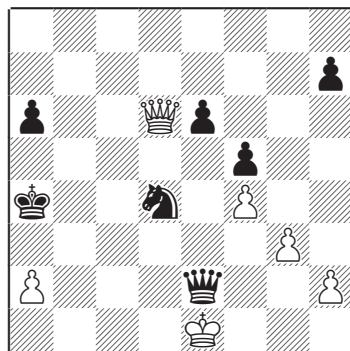
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 8. Qd2 O-O 9. g4 Be6 10. O-O-O {
 +0.83 10. Nxe6 fxe6 11. Be2 Qd7 12.
 O-O-O Ne5 13. h4 } Nxd4 11. Bxd4
 Qa5 12. a3 Rfc8 13. h4 h5 14. g5 Nd7
 15. Bxg7 Kxg7 16. f4 Bg4 17. Be2
 Bxe2 18. Qxe2 Rxc3 19. bxc3 Qxc3
 20. Qd3 Qa1+ 21. Kd2 Qa2 22. Qc3+
 { +0.96 22. Ra1 Qe6 23. Qh3 Qxh3
 24. Rxh3 Nc5 25. Re1 } **Kg8 23. Qb3**
Qxb3 24. cxb3 Nc5 25. Ke3 Nxb3 26.
Rb1 Nc5 27. Rhc1 b6 28. Rc4 Kf8 29.
a4 Ke8 30. Rb5 Kd7 31. Rb2 Rc8 32.

Ra2 Nb7 33. Rxc8 Kxc8 34. f5 Kd7
 35. **Kd4 e6 36. fxxg6 fxxg6 37. Rf2 Nc5**
38. Rf6 { +1.04 38. Rf7 Kc6 39. Rxa7
 Nd7 40. Ra8 Ne5 41. Rc8 Kb7 42. Rf8
 Kc6 43. Rf6 } **Nxa4 39. Rxxg6 e5+ 40.**
Ke3 Nc5 41. Rg7+ Ke6 42. Rxa7 b5
43. Ra8 { +9.04 43. g6 Nd7 44. Rxd7
 b4 45. g7 Kxd7 46. g8 Q Ke7 47. Qc4
 Kf6 48. Qxb4 } **b4 44. Rb8** { +2.75 44.
 Ra7 Nd7 45. Rb7 Nf8 46. Kf2 b3 47.
 Rxb3 Ng6 48. Kg3 Nf4 } **b3 45. Rb6**
 { +1.76 45. Rb5 Kd7 46. Rb4 Ke6 47.
 Rb6 Ke7 48. g6 Ke6 49. g7 } **Ke7 46.**
g6 Kf6 47. Rxd6+ Kg7 48. Rb6 Kh6
49. Rb5 Ne6 50. Rxb3 { +3.78 50.
 Rxe5 b2 51. Rb5 Nf8 52. g7 Kxg7 53.
 Rb7 Kf6 54. Rxb2 Ne6 55. Rb6 Ke7
 56. Rb7 Kf6 } **Kxxg6 51. Rb6 Kf7 52.**
Rb7+ Kf6 53. Rh7 Nf4 54. Rh6+ Kf7
55. Ra6 Ke7 56. Rh6 Ng2+ 57. Kf3
Nxh4+ {the fatal error} 58. Kg3 Nf5+
59. exf5 e4 60. Rxh5 Kf6 61. Kf4 Kf7
62. Kxe4 { +8.55 62. Rh7 Kg8 63. Rd7
 Kf8 64. f6 Kg8 65. f7 Kf8 66. Kxe4
 Kg7 67. Re7 } **Kf6 63. Kf4** { +15.79
 63. Rh7 Kg5 64. Ke5 Kg4 65. f6 Kf3
 66. f7 Ke3 67. f8 Q Ke2 } **Kf7 64. Rh1**
Kf6 65. Rg1 Kf7 66. Ke5 Ke7 67. f6+
Kf8 68. Kf5 { +mate 2 68. Ke6 Ke8
 69. Rg8 } **Kf7 69. Rg7+ Kf8 70. Ra7**
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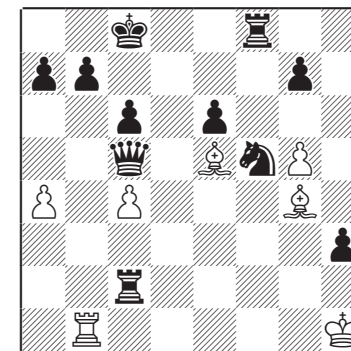
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 [WhiteElo "1875"]
 [BlackElo "2039"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. e4 Nxe4 4. Nxe4 dxe4 5. Bc4 Bf5 { -0.92 5... Nc6 6. Bb5 Bd7 7. Be3 Nb4 8. Bxd7 Qxd7 } 6. g4 Bg6 { -0.59 6... Bd7 7. a4 e6 8. Ne2 Bb4 9. c3 Qe7 } 7. h4 h5 8. c3 e6 { -1.13 8... hxg4 9. Qxg4 Qd7 10. Qg5 Bf5 11. Bf4 e6 } 9. g5 Nd7 { -0.98 9... Nc6 10. Qb3 Qc8 11. Ne2 Bd6 12. Bf4 e5 13. dxe5 Bxe5 } 10. Ne2 Nb6 11. Bb3 Bd6 12. Nf4 Bxf4 13. Bxf4 Qd7 { -0.84 13... Nd5 14. Bg3 f6 15. Qe2 c6 16. c4 Nb4 } 14. Qe2 Nd5 { -0.88 14... f6 15. gxf6 gxf6 16. Rg1 Bf5 17. f3 Nd5 } 15. Bg3 O-O-O { -1.02 15... Qc6 16. O-O O-O-O 17. Rfe1 f6 18. f3 } 16. O-O f6 17. f4 exf3 18. Qxf3 fxe3 19. hxg5 h4 20. Be5 h3 { -1.95 20... Rh5 21. Kh2 Rxe5 22. c4 Nb4 23. Qe3 Rf5 } 21. Kh2 c6 { -1.08 21... Qe7 22. Qg3 Nb6 23. c4 Kb8 } 22. c4 Ne7 { -1.43 22... Nb4 23. Qg3 Nd3 24. Bb8 a6 } 23. a4 Nf5 24. Rfd1 Bh5 25. Qc3 Bxd1 26. Bxd1 Nxd4 27. Bg4 Nf5 {

-4.40 27... Qf7 28. Kh1 Qf2 29. Bxh3 Ne2 30. Qb3 Ng3 31. Qxg3 Qxg3 32. Bxg3 Rxh3 33. Kg2 } 28. Rd1 Qe7 29. Re1 Qc5 { -6.06 29... Qxg5 30. Qf3 Rh4 31. Re4 Rd2 32. Kh1 h2 } 30. Qc2 Rhf8 { -4.29 30... Rd7 31. Qe2 Rh4 32. Bxh3 Qxc4 } 31. b4 Qxb4 32. Rb1 Rd2+ 33. Kg1 Qc5+ { -19.61 33... Rxc2 34. Rd1 Rg2 35. Kh1 Rxe4 36. a5 Qxa5 } 34. Kh1 Rxc2 0-1



Kiewra Wins 2004 12th Grade National Chess Championship

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Lincoln East High School senior Keaton Kiewra won the 2004 Twelfth Grade National Chess Championship in Orlando, Florida. The competition was part of the Grade Level Championships sponsored by the United States Chess Federation. Sixteen hundred players from 46 states competed for national chess titles in grades kindergarten through college.

Kiewra won 5 games and drew two in the seven round tournament played between December 11-14. Kiewra's victory was his third straight at Grade Levels. He also captured the tenth and eleventh grade championships and won all three titles without losing a single game. Overall, Kiewra has won six national scholastic chess titles since he began competing in chess at age eight.

Kiewra's next tournament begins Friday in Lindsborg, KS. There he will compete against many of the top adult players in the United States. The six day tournament includes nine games, each lasting up to six hours. Kiewra, who is a national chess master, can earn points toward becoming an international master if he performs at a high level in the tournament.

SEARCHING FOR DON SHENUM

- Kent Smotherman

Don Shenum was an active player in Nebraska throughout his high school years and was crowned the 1987 Nebraska High School champion while attending Omaha Central High School. I remember playing Don on occasion and remember each of them fondly. Don may only have been a teenager at the time but was always a great competitor and displayed the highest level of sportsmanship. When I was at this year's Central High Scholastic tournament, I had the inspiration to provide a regular Gambit feature on former Nebraska players, and Don seemed the appropriate choice to initiate this series.

I searched the web and found Don via email. Here is his note:

"I Attended UC-Berkeley 1989-1993, graduating with a BA in English. While at Cal, I got heavily involved in organizing, directing, and teaching as part of Elizabeth Shaughnessy's Berkeley Chess

School. To date, I have directed over 30 Grand Prix events, and have been on the staff at several US Open's, national Scholastic events, a few international events in San Francisco, and Chief TD at the Northern California Scholastic Championships, which the last 2 year have attracted over 1300 kids. I Currently hold a low Expert's rating, and would fit in if there was a Class between A and Expert. My biggest upset win to date is still over Mike Blankenau at the Polar Bear Open in 1988, when I was a low A player and he was over 2300. I've scalped a few masters on the West Coast, and actually made Expert for the first time by beating a 2350 player. But, my win over Mike maintained my winning record against him (2-1). The most money I ever won playing Chess was \$100 for first Under 2400 in the American Open Blitz Championships in 1991. I am currently taking a break from directing tournaments and planning to focus on my 5 year old daughter and 1 year old son. I am currently employed as an IT Project Manager in Oakland for a women's clothing company but I'm looking to relocate to Omaha so my kids have decent schools. ;-)

So it seems we might have Don back in Nebraska soon, and that would be great news indeed. ☺

2004 CHESS FESTIVAL Bettendorf, IA Nov 4-6

- Bob Woodworth

The 2004 Chess Festival, sponsored by Chessco International and Thinkers Press, was the 4th in a series and was easily the most enjoyable to date.

It had a great lineup of celebrity chess masters including ICCF Correspondence GM Jonathan Berry, IM Igor Khmelnitsky, IM Andrew Martin and former US Champion GM Alexei Yermolinsky.

The festival began on Thursday, Nov. 4th with a free pizza party featuring personal introductions of all 40 attendees by Mr. Bob Long, the festival organizer. As each attendee was introduced they were to mention "What was the best thing they liked about the game of chess?" Some of the best replies were: Recorded chess games are permanent records to be played over and over forever and thereby provide a strong connection with the past history of the game; Introducing and instructing children in the game of chess; The sheer competitiveness of the game over-the-board; Chess is the only game where one can compete (via a simultaneous exhibition) with a national or world chess champion.

After these introductions, everyone played a pencil and paper trivia chess quiz where the object was to identify 32 cartoon drawings of famous chess players. I missed 5,

but one attendee missed only 1 and received a prize.

Afterwards a few of us adjourned to the lounge where GM Yermolinsky regaled us with Russian chess stories and trivia. He recalled that GM Botvinnik was



quite the ladies man. Yermo then asked the question "What two current, famous GM Russian chess players

GM Yermolinsky joined the Communist Party at the earliest possible age of 21? The answers were Kasparov and Beliavsky, but everyone present answered Karpov! GM Yermolinsky was asked what chess books he reads and he answered only "concept-type" books such as Rowson's "The Seven Deadly Chess Sins" and John Watson's "Secrets of Modern Chess Strategy" as well as "Chess Strategy in Action".

The next morning, graphic designer Mr. Bill Hannan discussed the artwork required in designing chess book covers, dust jackets and T-shirts. He stated that chess books with color on the cover sell 25% better than black and white covers.

Also, women prefer bright colors and men like earth tones and shades of blue.

Next, GM Yermolinsky analyzed and discussed the recently completed 2004 Kramnik/Peter Leko World Championship match. He stated that Leko was the better player in the match, but did not possess the better nerves. Eight of the 14 games were termed “non-fights”. GM Yermolinsky stated that young players don’t understand their obligation to the chess fans to fight to their utmost in each and every game! He also stated that GM Kramnik is best at finding strong positional advantages by incurring a material deficit. Finally, GM Yermolinsky said that “hopefully the next generation of young players to replace Kramnik and Leko will have a better set of values and play to give their very best to win.”

That afternoon International Correspondence Champion GM Jonathan Berry analyzed his 25 move postal victory over the 2-time World Correspondence Champion GM Tonu Oim from Finland. Very interesting and instructive post-mortem analysis! He also stated that correspondence postcard response times vary greatly. For Switzerland there was a 5-day in-transit time, Finland was 3 weeks, Poland 6 weeks but Cuba was 5 months!

Friday night there was a 30-person, 5 minute blitz tourney. A very unusual and amusing incident occurred in a game between IM Andrew Martin and GM Alex Yermolinsky. In an

extreme time-crunch situation where each player was moving at less than a second per move, GM Yermolinsky queened a pawn, but turned a rook upside down for the new queen. In his haste and by mistake, IM Martin knocked over this new queen which he then mistakenly readjusted as a rook! GM Yermolinsky was then ready to immediately execute a diagonal capture with what he believed to be his new queen but froze when he saw that it had become a rook! With his hesitation his flag then fell and all pandemonium broke loose. No one knew the precise blitz rules regarding this situation so the combatants agreed to a draw. Very exciting chess indeed!

Saturday morning I saw my first live blindfold simul exhibition, even though I’ve been playing chess for over 50 years. It is still hard to



GM Jonathan Berry

would set a Guinness world record for an exhibitor over 50 years of age. A final score of 80% is required by Guinness for the record to be

believe that the human mind is capable of such an amazing feat.

ICCF GM Jonathan Berry agreed to do a 12-person blindfold exhibition, which

accepted. Six hours were allotted in the festival’s program, but after nearly 5 hours only 19 moves had been completed - And without anyone resigning! It took nearly 9 hours for the last player to resign but GM Berry did score his 80%, and therefore set a new record! Everyone who witnesses such an undertaking is amazed at the concentration required for the exhibitor plus the physical strain involved.

In conclusion, I really enjoyed meeting the various chess celebrities, especially IM Andrew Martin, who possesses a great sense of humor and a neat British accent. He helped me analyze my favorite Center Counter Defense variation as Black and also described his Guinness world record



IM Andrew Martin

of completing a 321-game simul exhibition. He said he would not try it again because the mental after effects of not being able to sleep and retaining and recalling each and every game for 6 weeks afterward was extremely trying!

I sincerely hope that there is another chess festival in the future, but the time and expense of organizing one is very great. The festivals are very relaxing and

enjoyable, and a very refreshing change from the grueling grind of a typical OTB tournament. ♠

Editor’s Note: As a bonus treat, I tracked down some of the blindfold games from Jonathan Berry from this event!

[White “Berry, Jonathan”]
[Black “Vehre, John”] [Result “0-1”]
[WhiteElo “2250”] [BlackElo “2240”]
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 4... Nf6 {Here I wasn’t sure if Black had played 2...Nc6 or 2...e6 and luckily avoided 5.Bd3??} 5. Nc3 5... e5 {Oh no, the Sveshnikov. I am royally unprepared.} 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Nd5 {As Sveshnikov wrote in his original book, so many years ago, White gets nothing from this if Black replies precisely.} 7... Nxd5 8. exd5 Ne7 9. c4 {Looking at this later but without benefit of books, I find this dubious because of the loss of d4. Maybe 9.c3 is correct.} 9... Nf5 10. g3 \$6 {Improvisation.} 10... g6 11. a4 a6 12. Nc3 Bg7 13. a5 O-O 14. Ra3 Nd4 15. Ne4 Bf5 16. Qd3 Rc8 17. Bg2 Bxe4 18. Bxe4 f5 19. Bg2 e4 20. Qb1 Rxc4 21. O-O Qc7 22. Be3 Rc2 23. b4 23... Rb2 {Yeah, I saw that. White resigns.} 0-1

[White “Berry, Jonathan”]
[Black “Deike, Ron”] [Result “1-0”]
[BlackElo “2075”]
1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 Bb4+ 5. Bd2 Qe7 6. Nf3 O-O 7. O-O Bxd2 8. Qxd2 Ne4 9. Qc2 d6 10. Nc3 Nxc3 11. Qxc3 Nc6 12. b4 12... e5 {#} 13. b5 (13. dxe5 Nxe5 14. Nd4 (14. e3 c6 15. Rad1 Re8 16. Nd4 Qf6

17. Qc2) 14... f4) 13... exd4 14. Nxd4 Nxd4 15. Qxd4 f4 ({What I hoped for was something as simple as:} 15... Qxe2 16. Rfe1 Qg4 17. Qd5+ Kh8 18. Qf7 \$18) 16. gxf4 Qh4 17. e3 Rf6 18. Qd5+ Be6 19. Qg5 ({Fortune favours the brave:} 19. Qxb7 \$1 19... Raf8 20. Bd5) 19... Qxg5 20. fxg5 Rf5 21. f4 Bxc4 22. Rfc1 d5 23. a4 23... Re8 {We almost had a glitch here, as the sub-MC said "Rook t'e8", which I heard as Rook d8. The other announcers never used "to". After thinking about the Rd8 move for about a minute, I began to wonder, and then queried the MC.} 24. Kf2 c5 (24... Rf7 25. Rxc4 dxc4 26. Bd5 Kf8 27. Bxf7 Kxf7 28. Rc1 Re4 29. Kf3 \$18) (24... Kf8 25. h4 Rf7 26. Rc3 c5 (26... Rfe7 27. Rd1 c6 28. bxc6 bxc6 29. h5 Rb8) 27. Rd1 \$16) 25. bxc6 bxc6 26. Rab1 Rf7 27. h4 Rc7 28. h5 Bd3 29. Rb3 Be4 30. Bxe4 Rxe4 31. a5 31... c5 {Here I first said Rd2 and was told illegal move. There is a school of thought that an illegal move should lose the game, but that was not at all the rule at the Thinkers' Press Festival in Bettendorf, Iowa. I suppose that a forgetful exhibitor could use multiple illegal moves as a way to remember what the position is. I had a handful of illegal moves, only one of which was designed to figure out what the position was.} 32. Rd3 {Rd2 illegal move.} 32... Ra4 (32... d4 33. Rxd4 cxd4 34. Rxc7 dxe3+ 35. Ke2 { would leave White with a nice position, but the move in the game is worse.} 33. Rxd5 Rxa5 34. Kf3 Kf7 35. f5 h6 (35... Rb5 36. e4 Rb3+ 37. Kf4 c4 38. e5 Rh3 39. e6+ Ke7 40. Rcd1 h6 41. Rd7+ Rxd7 42. Rxd7+

Kf8 43. gxh6 \$18) 36. g6+ Kf6 37. Kf4 Ra4+ (37... Ra2 38. Rd6+ Ke7 39. Rcd1 Rf2+ 40. Ke5 \$18 40... Rc8 41. Re6+ (41. e4 c4 42. Rd7+ Kf8 43. Rf7+ Kg8 44. Rdd7 Re8+ 45. Rfe7 Rxe7+ 46. Rxe7 Kf8 47. Rf7+ Ke8 48. Rxg7 \$18) 41... Kf8 42. Rd7 c4 43. Rf7+ Kg8 44. Ree7 Kh8 45. Rxg7 Rc5+ 46. Kd4 Rxf5 47. Rh7+ Kg8 48. Reg7+ Kf8 49. Rxa7 Kg8 50. Rxh6 {a bit more complex than White might have been aiming at. Maybe protect the f5-pawn with e4.}) 38. e4 38... c4 {Here I played Re5-e6 mate, but it was an illegal move. Yeah!} 39. Rcd1 39... c3 40. Rd6+ {Black resigned. It's mate in two.} 1-0

[White "Berry, Jonathan"]

[Black "MacDonald, J. Ken"]

[Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. Nf3 e5 5. Bg5 f6 6. Bh4 g5 7. Bg3 Ne7 8. e3 Bf5 9. Bd3 Bxd3 10. Qxd3 Nd7 11. h4 g4 12. Nd2 h5 13. O-O O-O 14. f4 f5 15. fxe5 dxe5 16. Rad1 c6 (16... Nc5 \$1) 17. b4 (17. Nb3) 17... a5 18. b5 18... Nc5 {No, I did not overlook this move. What I overlooked was the entirely more obvious fact that my d4 was outnumbered 3 to 1.} 19. Qc2 exd4 20. exd4 {Not so bad is:} 20. Nb3 20... d3) 20... Qxd4+ 21. Bf2 Qxc3 22. Qxc3 Bxc3 23. Bxc5 Bb4 24. Nb3 Rad8 25. Rxd8 Rxd8 26. Bxe7 Bxe7 27. Nxa5 (27. bxc6 a4 28. Na5 b6 29. Nb7 Rc8 30. Rxf5 30... Rxc6 \$19) 27... cxb5 28. cxb5 Ra8 29. Nc4 Rxa2 30. Rxf5 Rc2 31. Ne5 Rc1+ 32. Kh2 {Here Black took a pass, which I accepted, and offered a draw, which now seems a reasonable result after a few slight inaccuracies on Black's part.} 1/2-1/2



Tournament Notice



January 15, 2005 NO COST CHESS TOURNAMENT

Saturday afternoon, January 15, 2005, Dining room of Nebraska Christian School, One mile West & North of Central City

Registration starts at 1:00pm, Playing starts at 1:30pm (Late arrivers ok)

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Swiss System - Every player plays every rounds

Skilled players will play three games, 45 minutes on each clock

Juniors & beginners will play four or more games

Players whose games end quickly will play extra games

Four ribbons will be awarded to adults

Four ribbons will be awarded to young players

The new player who wins the most games will receive a ribbon

Unskilled beginners are encouraged to come.

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February 5, 2005 UNK Classic and Team Scholastic

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February 12, 2005 Columbus Valentine and Individual Scholastic Championship

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March 12, 2005 State Team Scholastic Championship

Peace Lutheran Church, 2720 28th St., Columbus, NE.

March 19, 2005 Defenders of the Crown

Saint Peters Lutheran Church, 281 H Street, Hampton, NE

2 sections, Open and Reserve (U1400).

Rounds 1-2 G/1, Rounds 3-4 G/75. Open section is POY.

Trophies: 1st Open, 1st U1800, 1st Reserve, 1st U1200.

USCF membership required for Open only. EF: \$6 by 3/18, \$10 on site.

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