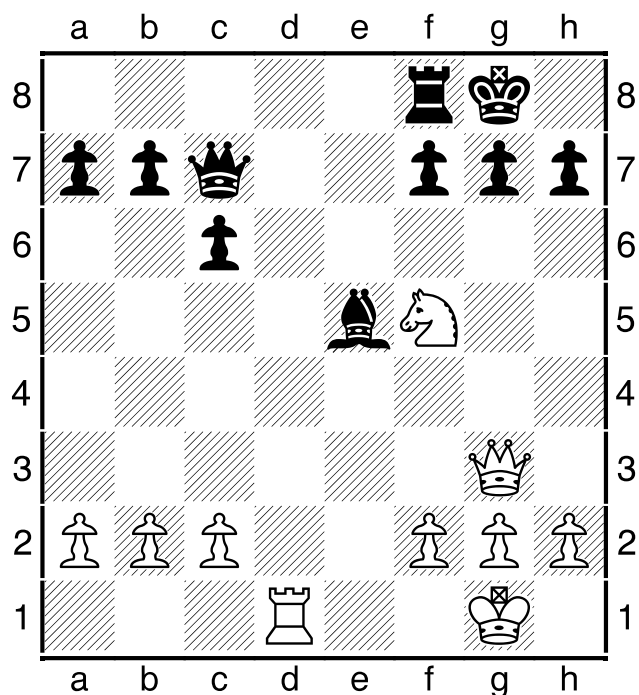


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**The position is from Capablanca vs. Tenner,
New York, 1918.**

White to play & win

Position provided by Bob Woodworth

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Letter from NSCA President Mike Gooch

Hello Everyone:

First, news from the 2013 SuperNationals held in Nashville, Tennessee the weekend of April 5-7. There were officially 5,335 players, establishing a new record for largest chess tournament ever held. Nebraska sent 7 players, including **Mitch Hezel** (Omaha Central High School), playing in K-12 U1600; **Aaron Stein** (Millard North High School), playing in K-12 U1200; **Jason Selvaraj, Vikas Retineni, Shashank Potineni** and **Abhinav Jaddu** (Millard North Middle School), playing in K-9 U1250; and **Sneha Selvaraj**, (Montclair Elementary School), playing in K-3 U800. All of these Nebraska chess players were accompanied by their parents.

Jason Selvaraj, scored 6.5/7 and placed first in the K-9 U1250 section. The Millard North Middle School team placed 6th in that section. Also traveling to Nashville was **Drew Thyden**, Omaha Central High School chess coach. He voluntarily provided coaching and encouragement for all 7 Nebraska players.

I went to Nashville to work as a floor Tournament Director (TD). I was assigned to the K-5, U-900 section. We had 412 players in the section and relatively few TD issues.

Beyond the SuperNationals, I want to invite all chess players to visit the NSCA website for information about upcoming events. Brownell Talbot is holding a tournament April 20. The NSCA state championship event will be held on April 20-21 at Brownell Talbot, in their library. This event is open to anyone. Come by and see 6 players vie to become state champion.

There will be a formal NSCA Board meeting on Saturday, April 20 at noon, you are invited to attend too so please join us. Omaha Chess and Omaha Central High School is again hosting a summer chess camp, June 3-7. Contact Drew Thyden to apply.

It is time to register for the Cornhusker State Games chess tournament, scheduled for July 20-21. Be sure to look for activities for the rest of the family too.

Remember to keep September 28-29 open for the RCR Regional Team Chess Tournament. This event is played using team rules, so form a team keep an eye out for the flyer.

Hope to see you all at a chess event soon. -**Mike Gooch**

News Flash!

As reported in Mike Gooch's letter from the NSCA President, Nebraska was very well represented at the SuperNationals in Nashville, Tennessee. Here is some Nebraska players on the national stage. Tournament details forthcoming in the next *Gambit*.



Team (from L to R) Mike Nietman (USCF Secretary), Vikas Retineni, Abhinav Jaddu, Jason Selvaraj, Shashank Potineni.



Champions (from L to R) Mike Nietman (USCF Secretary), Spencer Baker (co-champion), Jason Selvaraj (co-champion), Bill Hall (USCF Executive Director)

From Kent's Corner

Hello *Gambit* readers and welcome to the first issue of 2013. This double issue is packed with great material for your enjoyment with a great deal of games from recent events. Up until 3 weeks ago, this issue was shaping up to be the smallest I've ever done, but thanks to my *Gambit* contributors, I've been very busy with additional material and as a result, this is my largest issue to date.

Special thanks to my regular contributors starting with *Gambit* co-editor, **Ray Kappel**. Ray who is now very busy with his hometown journalistic duties, made time to conduct interviews with **David Given** and **Loren Schmidt**. I'm sure you'll find the interviews and subsequent games very interesting and special thanks to David and Loren for agreeing to be interviewed and for providing the pictures. My appreciation to **Bob Woodworth** knows no bounds. Bob turned in a wonderful article about a recent chess festival he attended in Iowa plus additional articles. Be sure to check out his articles and thank Bob for his great work as Nebraska's Historical Archivist.

Tony Dutiel submitted a report about the Amateur East tournament. He provided a very detailed narrative and games about his experience there. My thanks to Tony for doing this.

International Chess Master and good friend, **Keaton Kiewra**, has submitted annotated games against a GM for your enjoyment. Thank you Keaton. It won't be long before Keaton is Nebraska's first Grandmaster.

Special thanks to **John Hartmann** for providing databases of games from recent events and for his articles. John recently organized the Midwest Open and hopefully he'll continue to organize tournaments in the future. Be sure to support him! My thanks to **Mike Gooch** for providing the NSCA President's letter and for updating me on events. Now *Gambit* readers, I do have a couple of requests. First off, I have obtained a number of black and white pictures of Nebraska chessplayers, (specifically Lincoln players) from **John Watson** (thanks John!) that date back to the 1950's and 60s. I have most of them posted in this issue.

Please help me identify the players. We owe it to the "Greatest Generation" to know who they were. And second, I'm very close to printing copies of the second edition of my first book, Anton Sildmets -The Life and Games of a Nebraska Chess Icon. The book is improved with better formatting, additional games and photographs. I will be selling copies from the trunk of my car. I would appreciate your support by buying my book and making me feel like a real author. See you with another issue after the Cornhusker State games.

Kent B. Nelson

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News, Notes and Updates

1. Special thanks to **John Lincott** for taking over the organization of tournaments in Lincoln. Please sure to plan on playing in the Lincoln City Championship on June 15th 2013.
2. You may not know that **Dan Dostal** is one heck of a bowler. He averages well over 200 and he has at least one perfect game that is sanction.
3. Solution to cover puzzle. 1. Nh6+ 1. Kh8, 2. Qxe5, 2.Qxe5 3. Nxf7+ Rxf7 4. Rd8+ leads to mate. (If 3. Kg8 (instead of 3 Rxf7) 4 Nxe5 and White wins a piece & the game.
4. There is a 2008 YouTube video of **Mike Gooch** and **Drew Thyden** speaking about the chess club in a local school. Check it out.
5. **Keaton Kiewra**, Nebraska's newest International Chess Master and 9 time consecutive Nebraska State Chess champion has his own web site. Please visit **KeatonKiewra.com**. to check out the site.
6. I had an opportunity to meet **Mark Capron** during the 2013 Midwest Open. Mark is my counterpart in Iowa. He is the editor of *En Passant* and he is a very pleasant person to be around. Mark is pictured below.



News Flash!

I have just been notified that **Jason Selvaraj** won the K-9 Under 1250 Section of the SuperNationals held in Nashville! Details in the next *Gambit*. Congratulations to Jason and the rest of the 7 Nebraska students who played!

Bob Long's FALL CHESS CLASSIC in Davenport, IA

(Oct.26 to Oct.28, 2012)

by

Bob Woodworth

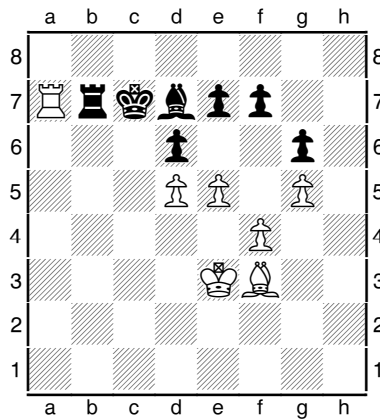
Last Fall, your writer traveled the 300 miles from Omaha, NE to Davenport, IA to attend a chess festival/event dedicated to our great game. It was hosted by Bob Long, a chess businessman who makes his living promoting, publishing & selling the game through various products. Your writer has attended about 4 of these chess events in the past 10 years. They are in a much different environment than that of the normal chess tournament. Much less stress and a great learning experience plus the chance to interact & discuss various aspects of the game with top chessplayers and authors etc.

Friday evening, Oct. 26th, Mr. Long began the festival with opening remarks by detailing the events for the next 2 ½ days. In appreciation to all the participants, he presented a gift bag of various chess related items. (Included were a brochure & a PDF-report detailing the John White chess collection in Cleveland, OH. This collection is the largest in the world!! Also, included was a thick computer mouse-pad about this chess event, a large rubber-knight chess piece to squeeze as a stress reliever, a booklet(s) about great chessplayers of the past, discount coupons for chess-DVD purchases, a large poster of a famous chessplayer(s) and a gourmet chocolate candy bar as a treat.) Next, Mr. Bob Lynch, a Boy Scout organizer from New Jersey, spoke on the topic of the Boy Scout Merit Badge for chess. He outlined the development and the requirements needed to earn the chess, Boy Scout badge. He also provided the websites & links for a scout to begin work in acquiring the merit badge along with an information sheet on becoming a Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor to administer the Chess Merit Badge. It is great to see chess promoted this way through the Boy Scout Merit Badge program!

The next presenter was Expert Andy Rea who wrote the acclaimed chess book entitled "Chess on the Ledge". An excellent book in which he clearly explains his thoughts & ideas during a game & without all the overly detailed maze of complicated variations. There are 70 'made up', created games in this book which wonderfully illustrate the situations we see in our own games! Andy's very clear prose in explaining the concepts, ideas & solutions make this a very instructive book!!

His topic this evening was an interesting endgame he actually played in a tournament in Colorado in the year 2000 versus a very strong player. Andy played the White pieces in the following position after

Black's move 1.Rb7:



Position after Black played 1. Rb7 blocking the White Rook check.

The resulting play was **2.Rxb7+, 2.Kxb7 3.e6!, 3.Be8** (virtually forced) **4.f5, 4.Kb6 5.exf7, 5.Bxf7 6.fxg6!, 6.Bg8** (if 6. Bxg6 then 7.Be4 etc.) **7.Kd4, 7.Kc7 8.Bg4** and White wins the endgame. (Very well-played!)

The final session for this Friday evening involved a second invited guest, IM Andrew Martin who had flown to Chicago & then traveled to Davenport, IA from Great Britain! A wonderful chess instructor & a great chess personality!

He presented a game from a recent international GM tournament between GM Magnus Carlsen & GM F.Vallejo-Pons. Andrew split us into groups of four and we were to determine the next move(s) that were actually played. Each team scored weighted points depending on the accuracy of their guesses from the menu of moves presented. Each team then picked a spokesperson to explain the reasons for their choices. Our team scored 185 points for 3rd place with the winners scoring over 200 points. This proved to be a very interesting & instructive chess exercise.

Finally, IM Martin gave some endgame comments in which he stated that “it is easier to convert one advantage to another using one’s bishops versus any of the other pieces.” Also, “2 bishops are very complementary whereby 2 rooks can be very redundant in converting an advantage.”

On another note, he personally believed that since the year 2000 because of too much computer preparation before the World Championship matches, we are seeing too many boring & lifeless games. This is really in great contrast with the games played in the 1972

World Championship match between Boris Spassky & Robert Fischer. IM Martin then offered a possible solution to this problem whereby, in all future matches, the openings to be played should be drawn randomly from a list of acceptable move variations. Then each player would play 2 games, one with White and one with the Black pieces for that opening. (Incidentally, your writer remembers in the games of checkers/draughts many years ago, the first 3 moves for each side were drawn from a hat because some players were absolutely unbeatable in their favorite openings. Of course, this was in a game far different from chess & in a different era since the 8 x 8 board has been replaced by a 10 x 10 checkered board because the 8 x 8 game had been totally solved by a computer program!)

The next day, Saturday, Oct. 27th at 9:00am, there was a 2-hour endgames lesson conducted by world-renowned endgame expert GM Karsten Muller via SKYPE on a large flatscreen TV broadcast from Hamburg, Germany. GM Muller could interact with us there in Davenport, IA as though he were in the same room with us!

His first & very important tip was for everyone to practice the very difficult endgame exercise where one is to mate with only a King, Bishop & Knight versus a lone King. (Should always be done in less than 30 moves.)

He then presented several King & Pawn endgames where opposition, distant opposition & knight-move opposition could be very valuable. Also, he presented the THEORY OF CORRESPONDING SQUARES which your writer had some difficulty understanding & applying. (Maybe this topic should be saved for a future graduate course in endgame instruction!!)

In this writer's opinion, the 2-hour endgame instruction by GM Karsten Muller was easily worth the price of admission to this Fall Chess Classic event!!

After lunch at noon, Andrew Martin presented a game of his entitled "An Opening Nightmare". Andrew was playing Black and the game occurred in a major tournament in England in 1991. His opponent was GM John Emms.

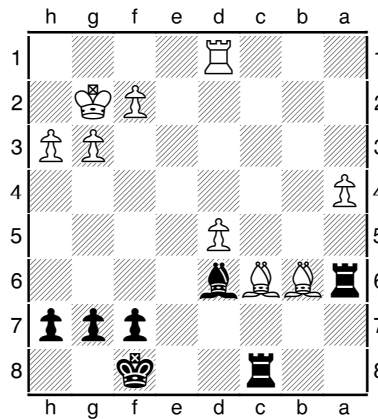
Here is the gamescore where the reader will note the second move played by Black to be very unusual & provoking!

White (John Emms)

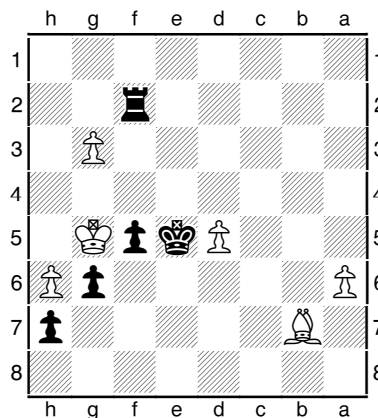
Black (Andrew Martin)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Ng8!? 3.d4 d6 4.exd6 cxd6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Be2 Bg4 7.0-0 e6 8.c4 Be7 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Qb3 Qc7 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Rac1 b6 14.a3 Rac8 15.Qa2 Nb8 (threatens 16..Bxf3 etc.) 16.Nb5 Qd7 17.Rfd1 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 d5

19.b3 Nc6 20.Nc3 Rfd8 21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.b4 b5 24.Rc2 a5 25.bxa5 b4 26.a4 b3 27.Qxb3 Rb8 28.Qxd5 Qxd5 29.Bxd5 Nb4 30.Be4 Nxc2 31.Bxc2 Rd5 32.Bd3 Rxa5 33.Bb5 Bd6 34.d5 Kf8 35.g3 Rc8 36.Kg2 Raa8 37.Bc6 Ra5 38.Bb6 Ra6 Please see position below.

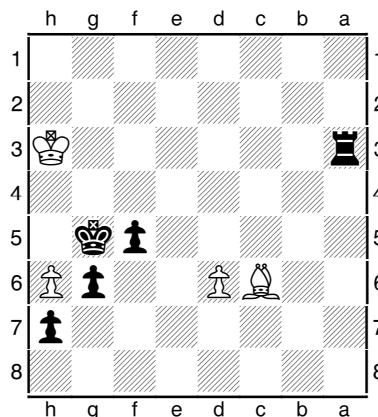


39.Bb7 Rxb6 40.Bxc8 Rb2 41.a5 Ra2 42.a6 Bc5 43.Rf1 Ke7 44.h4 Kd6 45.Bb7 f5 46.Kf3 g6 47.Kg2 Re2 48.h5 Ra2 49.h6 Be3 50.Kf3 Bc5 51.Kf4 Bxf2 52.Kg5 Ke5 53.Rxf2 Rxf2



Position after 53..Rxf2

54.a7(54. d6 is best) **Rh2** (threatens 55.Rh5 mate) **55.g4 Rg2** (d6 not played lets B.R. have g2 sq.) **56.Kh4 Kf4** (mate threatened again!) **57.Kh3 Ra2 58.g5 Rxa7 59.Bc6 Kxg5 60.d6 Ra3+ Black Resigns** Final Position below.



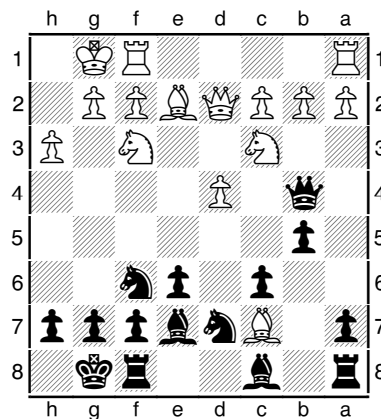
(Note: This interesting endgame was played very late in the evening with both players quite fatigued!)

The next portion of the program was an event entitled “Double-Team Game Analyses” conducted by Andrew Martin & Andy Rea. We were to play one game with a similarly rated opponent but we could ask for hints from Martin or Rea at any time during the game. My opponent was Steve Lamansky, a strong class A player from the Davenport area. Our game commenced as shown here:

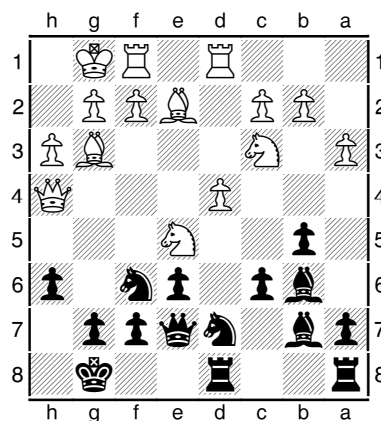
White (S. Lamansky)

Black R. Woodworth

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Be2 c6 6.h3 Nbd7 7.Nf3 e6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Qd2 0–0 10.0–0 b5 11.Bf4 Qb4 12.Bc7 Please see diagram below. White now threatens to trap the Black Queen with 13.a3! How is Black to respond??

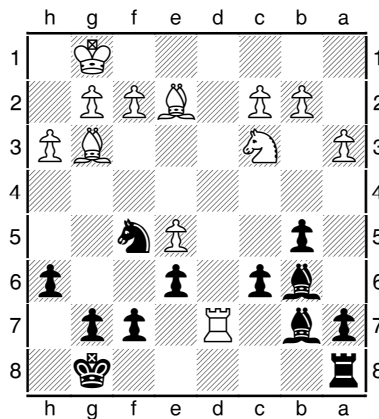


Bd8! (a saving reply here!) **13.a3 Qe7 14.Bg3 Bb7 15.Rad1 Bb6 16.Ne5 Rfd8 17.Qg5 h6 18.Qh4** Here, as Black, I asked my first question to IM Martin for I was very worried here about exchanging in the center. When I asked if it was a good strategy, he nodded his head ‘yes’.



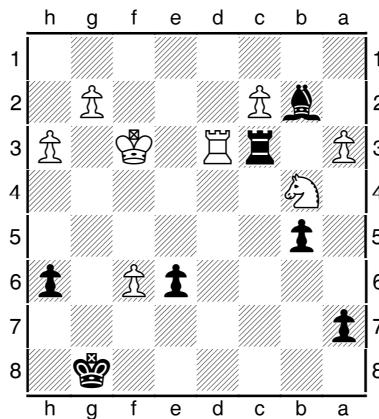
Position after 18. Qh4

Nxe5 19.dxe5 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Nd5 21.Qxe7 Nxe7 22.Rd7 Nf5 (Please see the diagram below) Black's 22.Nf5 saves the day for him since White's f-pawn is pinned i.e. if 23.Rxb7 23..Nxb3 24. Rxb6? 24..Nxe2+

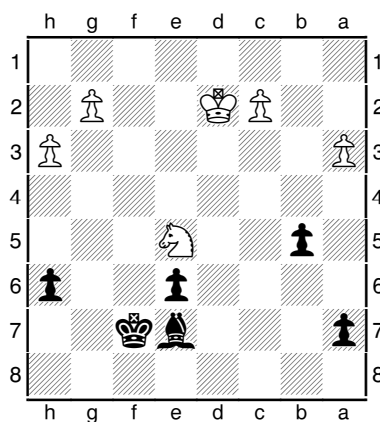


Position after 22..Nf5

23.Kh2 Bc8 24.Rd2 Bc7 25.f4 g5 26.Bf3 Nxb3 (or 26..Ne3?!) 27.Kxg3 gxf4+ 28.Kxf4 f6 29.Bxc6 Rb8 30.Kf3 Ba6 31.exf6 Be5 32.Ne4 Bxb2 33.Nc5 Rc8 34.Nxa6 Rxc6 35.Nb4 Rc3+ 36.Rd3 (Please see diagram below) Black to play here and per IM Martin it was best to play 36..Rxa3 and not trade the rooks so soon as I then played...



Rxd3+ 37.Nxd3 Bxf6 38.Ke3 Kf7 39.Kd2 Be7 40.Ne5+ & here Black overstepped the time limit of G/60 but with no clock time-delays being used. (1-0) Final position on the next page.



So, this format of asking for hints from superior players, proved to be very instructive. It shows how fast & how deeply they can determine the best strategy plus calculate the ensuing tactics and correctly appraise the resulting position after a series of moves.

This ended the chess for the Saturday session but Andrew Martin had a few additional comments for everyone. He stated that to play one's best chess, one needs to be in excellent physical condition, getting plenty of sleep & having a good diet. Also, he said that the great nervous strain in playing major tournaments, keeps many players from reaching the top-10 in the world rankings.

Also, one of the entrants in this Fall Chess Classic was a clinical psychiatrist & he commented that when a player is 'afraid' of an opponent the quality of one's play is affected because extra adrenaline is released by your body which can have a great negative effect. To counteract (or prevent) this & before one's game versus a stronger opponent, play over a great game where you are on the winning side.

This will imbue confidence and erase negative thoughts by releasing endorphins which are very good for a player's nervous system!

Sunday was the last day for this chess event. Andrew Martin directed a blitz tourney with no entry fee but some nice prizes being offered. Your writer decided not to play in the blitz, for after breakfast it was on the road and the 300-mile trip back to Omaha.

Thinking back, this was a truly relaxing & informative chess festival in that many new friendships were made & chess networks established.

Andrew Martin, Andy Rea & Karsten Muller(via skype from Germany) were all outstanding instructors & excellent communicators!! This was easily the best of Bob Long's chess festivals that your writer has ever attended.

Robert Woodworth
Omaha, NE
January, 2013

Interview with David Given

by
Ray Kappel.

Q: Where were you born and grown up?

New Jersey; lived there through high school. College: Lehigh University, PA (BS Chemistry); Johns Hopkins, Baltimore (MSEng); University of Washington, Seattle (PhD Water Resources)

Q: Where have you worked?

Besides the usual high school and college summer jobs, I spent my entire professional career with the National Park Service. Started in 1978 in Denver writing Environmental Impact Statements for projects in parks and working on Management plans for parks. Came to the Park Service's Midwest Regional Office in 1980 for what was supposed to be a 2 year detail doing the same type of planning and impact assessment work I had done in Denver. Never went back to Denver - spent 1995 in NPS headquarters in Washington DC as a special assistant to the Deputy Director, came back to Omaha as the Midwest Region's Deputy Director, a position I held until retiring in September, 2010.

Q: When did you start playing chess?

Learned how as a child but didn't play much - played cards more, including competitive bridge in high school and college. Went to several regional and national bridge tournaments with modest success - what would today be rated as a regional master. Started playing chess competitively in 2000 when I got tired of sitting and reading all weekend when Doug played in 2 day tournaments. Although I'm convinced that my brain is not wired correctly to be good at chess, I enjoy the mental challenge (and current research tells you that as one gets older, mental challenges are good for you!) I also enjoy helping Omaha Chess with some of their events.

Q: Who taught you?

My father.

Q: Did you teach Doug and others?

We got Doug a chess set for his 8th birthday the year we were in DC. We home schooled our kids and were always looking for things that would challenge them that we thought might hold their interest. This, obviously, was one attempt that worked. He started checking out chess books from the library and we signed him up for the scholastic chess magazine. After

we returned to Nebraska, in 1996 we got a flyer in the mail for the Polar Bear and took him. I probably haven't beaten Doug in a "fair" game (no take backs for me) since he was 10. We have played twice in tournaments, most recently in the Great Plains Open this year, and I have lost both times.

Q: *What was your favorite win, favorite tournament?*

Current favorite win was my first round game in the Iowa State Open this year. Playing a 1500+ player, I made a conscious decision when he advanced a pawn to attack one of my knights to create an imbalance by trading the knight for 3 pawns and then developed the correct plan to take advantage of the extra pawns to win the game. Coming up with the proper midgame plan is a challenge for me (and perhaps for many at my rating level) and it is always satisfying to do it right.

Q: *Who are your favorite players and why?*

Not a good question for me as I really don't follow any of the current players closely nor do I pore over the games of old masters.

Q: *What kind of chess do you like, positional play or tactical play.*

Positional play - I find the general principles generally logical and easier to remember than the "rules" I have read for when tactical opportunities such as sacrifices are likely to work.

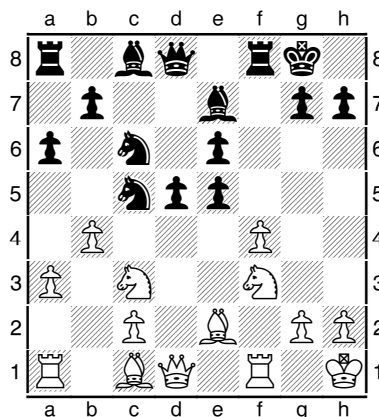
Thanks for taking the time to answer my questions.-Ray

Event: Iowa State Open, Reserve Section Date: 8/25/2012

White: Robert Johnson, 1542 Black: Dave Given, 1194

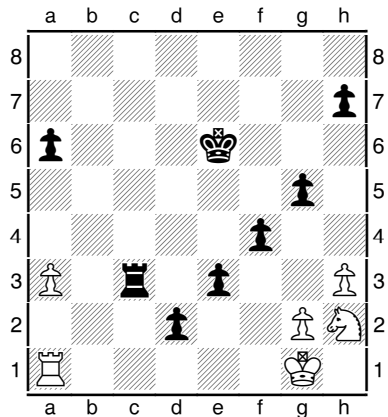
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8.0-0 a6 9.Kh1 Nc6 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.a3 f6 12.b4 fxe5!



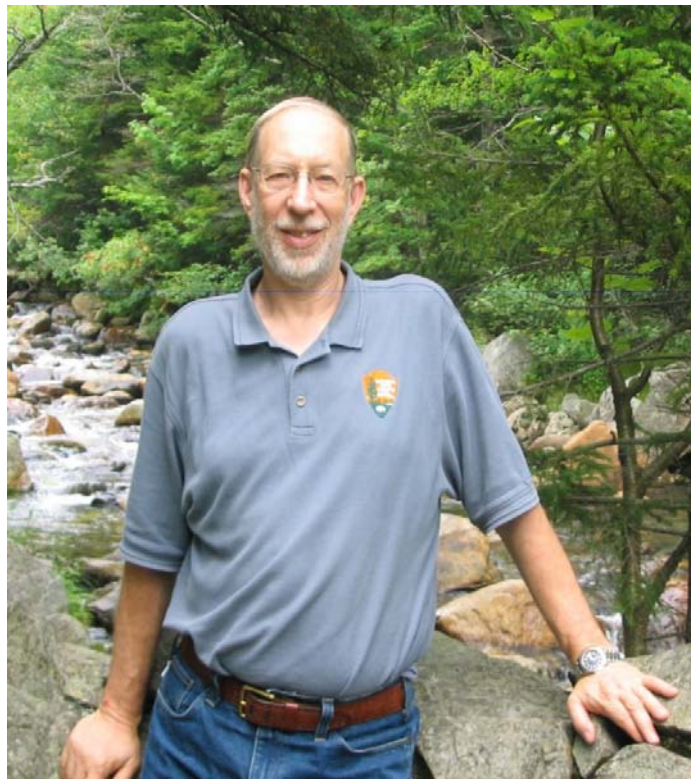
Position after 12..fxe5!

13.bxc5 exf4 14.Bb2 Bxc5 15.Na4 Be3 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.Nc5 Nxd4
18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Bc8 20.Bg4 e5 21.Qd1 Bxg4 22.Qxg4 Qc8
23.Qxc8 Raxc8 24.Nxb7 Rxc2 25.Rfc1 Rfc8 26.Rxc2 Rxc2 27.Nd6
g6 28.h3 e4 29.Rd1 Rc5 30.Rf1 g5 31.Nf5 Kf7 32.Nh6+ Ke6
33.Kg1 e3 34.Ng4 d4 35.Re1 Rc3 36.Ra1 d3 37.Nh2 d2 0-1



Final Position 0-1

A amazing game!-Ed



David Given

Interview with Loren Schmidt
by
Ray Kappel

1. How long has it been since you left Nebraska?

I originally left Nebraska to attend grad school at Purdue University in 1978. I later spent half of 1993 there en route to my current locale in central Washington.

2. What do you do at Heritage University and what kind of school is it?

Heritage is a small, private university located on the Yakama Nation that serves a diverse multicultural population of place-bound students. I am the Chair of the English Graduate Program at Heritage as well as Professor of English and Philosophy. I teach undergraduate and graduate courses in linguistics, literature and literary theory, and philosophy, etc.. We have in-person and online B.A. and M.A. programs in English and English Education as well as a summer institute that goes to school districts to train teachers in Bilingual Education.

3. You mentioned that you play correspondence chess, how did that come about?

Kids and work cut down my OTB play in recent years. However, about ten years ago, Craig Wilkens contacted me and invited me to play for a team of Nebraska-connected players at Gameknot (John Drexel, Craig Collister, even Rod Malpert and the Chess brothers for a while). So I joined up and started playing in team matches and later invitational tournaments at that site. The NE team eventually folded but I was doing well, so I kept on playing in round robins there with some international friends I'd made, mostly from European countries. Then in 2010, some of my friends at GK invited me to join their team in the ICCF Champions League representing a club from Zurich, Switzerland. Our captain is Swiss but my teammates are from

Denmark, Sweden, and Spain.

Once I started playing at ICCF, I decided to contact my old friends in Japan and see whether they wanted me to register as a Japanese player for CC, too (I'm still registered as Japanese in FIDE). They welcomed me back, so I've been playing in Japanese events and in international events for Japan over the last two years.

4. Where do you play correspondence chess?

At www.gameknot.com <<http://www.gameknot.com>> and the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) website.

5. Do you play differently in correspondence?

Good question. I've always been aggressive with both colors but more hypermodern with Black and classical with White in OTB play and scored similar results with White and Black, but in CC play, my White play has turned out to be much stronger than OTB--out of about 200 games with White at GK and ICCF, I have yet to lose. However, my Black play is slowly evolving to a somewhat more classical approach because some of my openings have turned out to be either too risky or too easy to draw against. I hope to keep expanding my repertoire and approach in coming events.

6. What level of correspondence do you play, all IMs and GMS?

It's getting that way more and more as I qualify for stronger tournaments. For example, I'm playing in the Olympics semis (with US, Czech Republic, Hungary, etc.), which is a Category 8 event with me the lowest-rated player. I won preliminary sections in the 14th and 15th Afro-Asian Zonals and the Diamond Jubilee World Cup and will be playing in norm events as a result. I hope to earn some IM norms over the next year or two.

7. How is your brother Wes?

As some of your readers may know, he's a lawyer in South Dakota. He's doing well--just got a great package of Christmas cookies from Wes, his wife Sue, and their son Aaron.

8. What is a regimen for someone who wants to improve?

I think that a combination of old school and new school approaches works. On the one hand, playing through the games of great players, both historical and current (starting with Morphy and working towards the present), still parallels the development of most individual players and teaches how to play a variety of positions, starting with open positions and working towards modern closed and semi-closed ones. Next, you do need to play . . . lots. It is important to play both fast games (so that you get practice in the kinds of positions that arise in your openings) and slow ones (so that you get practice in making deep analysis of positions). In addition, if you want to become a master or candidate master, you will need some endgame basics. I myself when an 1800 or 1900 player started with THOROUGHLY learning some key techniques (like Lucena, Philidor, etc.) and then made it interesting by taking all of my previous games which had had endgames and analyzing them in depth. My rating went up over 200 points the year that I did that and I won a lot more of my "won" games than I had before!

I have more thoughts on this whole process, but that's enough for now.

9. Do you ever get back to Nebraska?

Not much since my parents passed away, but I hope to visit sometime in the next few years to get together with my brothers and sister.

Thanks for taking the time to talk with Gambit readers. Ray

Sure, no problem.

BTW, you might want to know in advance that due to my work I haven't been playing OTB much but I am now very active in international correspondence; first, I got into playing at gameknot.com<<http://gameknot.com>> because some NE players invited me to play on their team there, and then some of the international players there invited me to play in the ICCF Champions League with them, and from there I got back to playing for Japan in ICCF events.

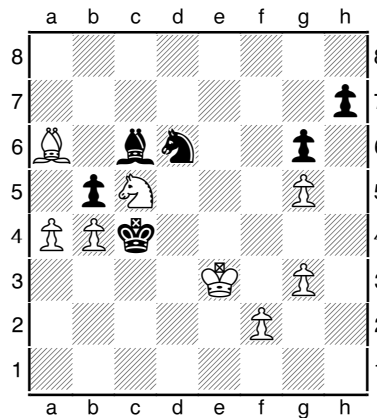
Regards,
Loren

Here is a few of Loren's games

Schmidt-IM Otteson (ICCF 2400) (Gameknot.com Master Tournament, 2006):

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 d5!? (Bb7 and Ba6 are more usual. This fixes the pawn structure, which can be difficult for Black.) **5.Bg2 c6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Qc2 0-0 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Bb2 Bb7 10.Nbd2** (Nc3 is somewhat more common but also more analyzed. This line was popular with players such as Kamsky and Carlsen in 2005-6 when we played this game). **Rc8 11.e4 c5 12.exd5 exd5 13.dxc5 dxc4 14.Nxc4 b5 15.Nce5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Rxc5 17.Qe2 Re8** (Qa8 has also been played). **18.Rfe1 Bc6 19.Qd1!?** (The first new move. White believes that the Black Q-side will be vulnerable in an ending.) **Be4** (If Qa8 White can look at ideas like 20. Rc1 or 20.Nf5 Bf8 21.Rc1 Qd5 22.Nh6+ gxh6 23.Bxf6 Qxd1 24.Rfxd1 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 and though Black may hold, he must suffer for a long time to demonstrate a draw.) **20.Qxd8 Rxd8 21.b4!** (This surprising move fixes Black's pawns and gives White a small but clear edge. 21.a4!? b4! probably equalizes in a few more moves.) **Rc4 22.a3 Kf8 23.Ra2!** (White's advantage becomes clearer--White's pieces work together much better than Black's.) **a6** (Maybe Ba8 to remove the B from danger is better.) **24.Rd2 Nd5!?** (White has many tactical threats based on N discoveries or removing defenders on f6, e7, and d8. Perhaps Ba8 is still best.) **25.Rdd1!** (Moves such as Bb2 look tempting, but this positional move lures the Be4 to a horrible square.) **Bc2 26.Rd4 Ba4** (Not Rxd4 27.Nxd4-c6.) **27.Rd2!** (Now Bxg7+ becomes a threat in

some variations, so:) **g6 28.h4** (Allowing Ng5 or h4 in some variations.) **Nf6 29.Bf4!** (Looking at the weakened h6 square.) **Re4** (Similarly, if Rxd2 30.Nxd2 Rc2 31.Bh6+ Ke8 32.Bg5 and Bb7 will pick off the Pa6 as in the game.) **30.Be3! Rxd2 31.Nxd2 Re6 32.Bh6+ Ke8 33.Rxe6 fxe6 34.Bb7 Kd7 35.Bxa6 Ne8 36.Ne4 Kc6** (Hoping to take advantage now that White's B is also out of play.) **37.Bg5** (Bc8 is also possible but not as clear.) **Nd6 38.Nc5 Bxg5 39.hxg5 Bc2** (Black hopes to bring his K to b3 for counterplay. Bd1 is the alternative.) **40.Nxe6 Kd5 41.Nc5 Kc4 42.Kf1 Be4 43.Ke2!?** (43.Nxe4 Nxe4 44.a4! looks simpler--I don't remember why I did not play it!) **Ba8 44.Kd2 Bd5 45.Ke3 Bc6 46.a4!**



Position after 46 a4!

(The same idea, just deferred.) **Kxb4 47.axb5 Kxc5 48.bxc6 Kxc6 49.Kd4** (I had analyzed this position until the end--the N is dominated by the B and K.) **Nf7 50.f4 Kd7 51.Bc4 Nd6 52.g4 Ke8 53.Bd5 Kf8 54.Kc5 Ne8 55.Kc6 Ng7 56.Kd7 Ne8 57.Be6 Ng7 58.Bg8!!** (The pretty way to finish. The K dominates N AND K.) **Kxg8 59.Ke7 Kh8** (Of course, if h5 60.gxh6, winning by en passant! Or Nh5 60.gxh5 gxh5 61.f5 and White queens first.) **60.Kf7 1-0** (Zugzwang.)

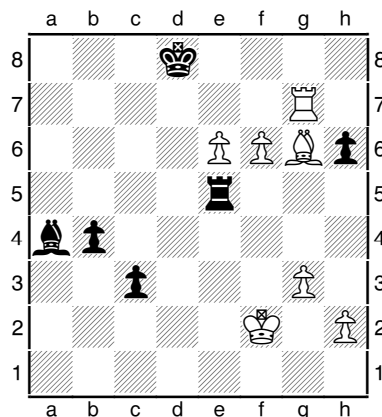
Because of successful results in Gameknot tournaments, in 2010 my friends there invited me to join their team (the Swiss club "Peace" representing Zurich) in the ICCF Champions League. In playing there, I have learned a few lessons about playing at ICCF time controls. First, your time always resets up to the full day, so even if you let your time run down under one day, you will have a full day for each remaining move. Second, since time accumulates, a fast-moving player in a 10 moves in 50 days time control may have 200 days saved up after 30 moves and then suddenly slow down to stall in

a bad position. My impatience allowed two players to draw lost positions, one when I played too fast when an opponent was down to one day and the other when I got bored when a player who had been playing every day slowed down so much that with two 30-day vacations and 250 days saved up, we spent over a year for 10 moves after playing the first 40 moves in two months. New players should learn from my bad example! Because Japan is the only country I have ever played for in FIDE events, when I joined ICCF, I decided that I should continue to play for Japan. So my second ICCF event was the 14th Afro-Asian Zonal Preliminary. I won my preliminary section with 6.5-0.5 and look forward to the semi-final (where I am now 2-0 but lots of games to finish!). Here is an interesting endgame against the third place finisher:

Schmidt-Mohan Turaga (2200, India):

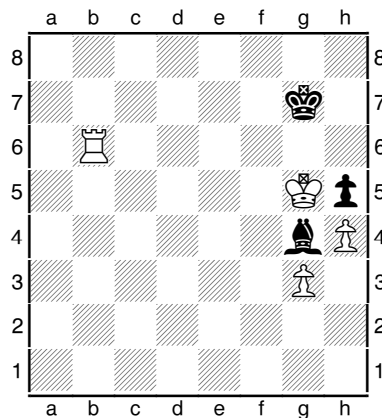
1.d4 e6 2.c4 Bb4+ 3.Bd2 Bxd2+ (I expected Qe7 or Be7.) 4.Qxd2 Nf6 5.g3 O-O 6.Bg2 d5 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.O-O c6 9.a4 (Rare but good. White wants to know what the Queenside pawn structure will be prior to placing his Rs and N.) **a5** (Else a5 might give White chances to attack using his Queenside space advantage.) **10.Rc1** (Kummer-Lechtynsky 1997 continued with Na3. The text is more flexible since in some variations White might be able to play Ra3-c3 before moving the N from b1.) **Qe7 11.Na3 Re8 12.Ne1!** (Heading to d3 where it controls c5 as well as e5. White has a slight advantage due to his more flexible pawn structure and better B.) **Ne4 13.Qf4 Nd6 14.Nd3 f6!?** (Logically hoping to free his bad B with e5, but perhaps sitting tight and defending would turn out better.) **15.Qd2!** (So that Black cannot play e5 with tempo. Therefore, he must take on c4 first:) **dx c4 16.Nxc4 Nxc4 17.Rxc4 Rd8 18.Qc3!** (White's advantage increases, so Black seeks salvation in the endgame:) **e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Qxe5 fxe5 22.Rc5 Rd2 23.Rxe5 Bg4?! (Missing White's reply. An immediate Kf7 gives more hope.) 24.Bf1! Kf7** (Necessary to allow the B the e6 retreat.) **25.b3!** (Now the R must leave the second rank to get the P back.) **Rb2 26.Rd1 Rxb3 27.f3 Be6 28.Rd6 Re8 29.Rxa5** (So White has won a P, but Black has finally activated his pieces. Now it becomes a race between passed pawns.) **h6 30.Rd2 b6?** (Too slow. Now White is close to a win. Perhaps a faster move like b5 would help more.) **31.Ra6 Bc4 32.Ra7+ Re7 33.Rdd7 Rxd7 34.Rxd7+ Kf8** (An instructive position. White is up a P, but playing for material here would save Black. White should play to exploit the more exposed Black K and the passed eP.) **35.Rc7 c5 36.Kf2 Rb2 37.f4!** (Now Black faces a dilemma. The cP cannot advance unless he moves the B as in the game, but if he does not move it, White can simply

advance his other Kingside Ps with powerful threats.) **Bb3 38.Ra7 c4 39.Rc7 Rc2** (Now it looks good for Black, but actually the tangled Black B and R gives White the chance to bring his B into the game decisively.) **40.Bg2! Bxa4 41.Be4 Rc1 42.Bg6 b5** (Forced due to the threat of Rf7+ and Ra7.) **43.f5!** ("The threat is more powerful than the execution"- Nimzovitch. White carefully saves the check for the proper moment.) **c3 44.e4 Rc2+ 45.Kf3 Rc1 46.e5 Re1 47.e6** (Now White must win.) **b4 48.Kf2 Re5 49.Rf7+ Ke8 (Kg8 50.e7) 50.Rxg7+ Kd8 51.f6!**



Position after 51.f6!

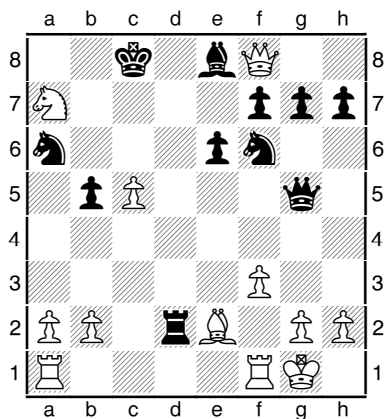
(The only move, but good enough. White had to see this position in playing 37.f4, which explains why humans can still win against computers in CC play: analysis time increases exponentially for each additional ply for a computer, but a human can just set up a position that may be reachable and analyze and evaluate it prior to going back to see it if can be forced. Rybka on my home computer cannot reach and correctly evaluate this position without help from me.) **Rxe6 52.Rg8+ Kd7 53.f7 Rf6+ 54.Ke3 c2 55.Bxc2 Bxc2 56.f8=Q Rxf8 57.Rxf8** (White has a simple technical win.) **b3 58.Kd2 h5 59.Rf6!** (The B will not be able to protect both Ps.) **Be4 60.Kc3 Bc2 61.Rh6 Bd1 62.Rb6 Ke7 63.Kd2 Bc2 64.Rh6 Be4 65.Kc3 Bf3 66.Kxb3 Kf7 67.h4 Kg7 68.Rb6 Kf7 69.Kc3 Kg7 70.Kd4 Bg4 71.Ke5 Kf7 72.Kf4 Kg7 73.Kg5** (And Black has no defense to Rh6-xh5.) 1-0. Final Position below-1-0



Schmidt, Loren—Hjorth, Jesper (2000) Denmark. World Championship Preliminary 2012.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e4 (I have outstanding results with this Marshall Gambit in both OTB and CC events. Personally, I think that Black should play Nf6 instead of e6.) **dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxd4 7.Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8.Be2 Na6 9.Ba5** (A little finesse to weaken the queenside.) **b6 10.Qd6 Bd7 11.Bc3** (The most common move here is f6, after which White has a good attack—and I have mostly wins in that line. However, that is better than what follows. This is an example of a little knowledge being a dangerous thing. Black plans to follow a game in his database that ended in a draw without looking closely and realizing that White should have won.) **Nf6 12.Nf3 O-O-O 13.Ne5 Rhf8 14.f3 Qe3 15.Bd4 Qg5 16.c5!** (Khalifman-Grachev Sochi 2004 continued 0-0 with advantage to White. White got a winning advantage later but blundered and allowed Black to escape with a draw. The text improves on 0-0 and gives White a winning advantage.) **b5 17.O-O** (Now White has threats such as Bxb5. Black sacrifices to complicate.) **Be8 18.Qxf8 Rxd4 19.Nxc6 Rd2**

20.Nxa7+!

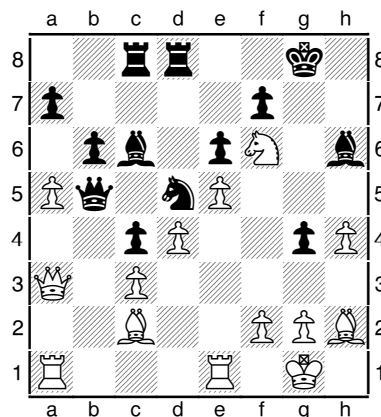


Position after 20.Nxa7+

(It really is that simple: the Black K is a target.) **Kb7 21.c6+ Kb8** (If Kxb7, Qe7+. Black never has time to take the B on e2 or play Qe3+.) **22.f4 Qc5+ 23.Qxc5 Nxc5 24.Bxb5 Kxa7 25.c7 Kb7 26.Rfc1 Bxb5 27.c8=Q+ Kxc8 28.Rxc5+ 1-0.**

Schmidt, Loren -- Onoprichuk, Vladimir Ukraine (2379)
World Cup Preliminary 2012-13

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 Be6 8.Nf3 Bg7 (The most recent try is Nd7 with the idea of Nb6. My Australian opponent in the current ICCF Olympics is playing that variation.) **9.Qb1** (Attacking b7. I have played the alternatives Rb1 and Be2 in other games and wanted to try this idea.) **Qd5!?** (b6 is the most normal.) **10.Be2 Qa5?** (Rare, and with good reason.) **11.O-O! Qa6** (Black holds on to the cP for the moment but loses time and misplaces the Q.) **12.a4** (White restricts the Q more and gains space for an attack. Moreover, with the Q off on a6, the e7 P is undefended, making castling difficult.) **h6 13.Nd2 Nd7** (Necessary to prevent Qb5 with check in some variations.) **14.a5 g5 15.Bg3 h5 16.h3! g4 17.Bxc7!** (The last two moves reveal the idea behind 14.a5—if Black ever takes on h3, he allows Bf3 and the Q will be trapped after the eventual Bxb7.) **Rc8 18.Bh2 Nf6 19.h4** (Having regained the P, White now fixes the P on h5 and prepares to switch the attack to the kingside. Because of White's space advantage, Black cannot transfer pieces to the defense.) **O-O 20.Re1!** (White slowly rearranges his pieces to better squares before starting the attack.) **Rfd8 21.e4 Bh6 22.Nf1 Bd7 23.Bd1 Be8 24.Bc2 e6 25.Qb4** (In other variations, White might have played Bb1 and Qc2, but Black's moves allow another path for the Q.) **Bc6 26.Ng3 Bf8 27.Qb2 Bh6** (Otherwise, the Q may switch to the kingside via c1.) **28.e5** (So White simply wins a P and continues the attack.) **Nd5 29.Nxh5 Qb5 30.Qa3 b6 31.Nf6+**



Position after 31.Nf6+

(Very simple calculations show that this will give White a winning endgame.) **Nxf6 32.exf6 Qxa5 33.Qe7 Qd5 34.Be4 Qd7 35.Rxa7 Qxe7 36.fxe7** (Black can never take this P without allowing exchanges to a simple K+P ending.) **Re8 37.Re2 Ra8 38.Rxa8 Bxa8 39.Bxa8 Rxa8 40.Bd6 Bg7 41.Ra2 Re8 42.g3 f5 43.Ra7 Kf7 44.Rb7 Bf6**

**45.Rxb6 Kg6 46.Bb4 Kf7 47.Rc6 f4 48.Rxc4 Rb8 49.d5 exd5
50.Rxf4** (Most players would resign sometime in the next few moves.) **Ke6 51.h5 Bxe7 52.Bxe7 Kxe7 53.Rxg4 Rh8 54.Rg5 Rc8
55.Rxd5 Rc4 56.Rf5 Ke6 57.Rf3 Rc5 58.g4 Rg5 59.Rf4 Rg8
60.Kh2 Rh8 61.Kg3** 1-0. Time forfeit. Black took a month of vacation and then waited another month for his time to expire. Some players do not like to resign.

I scored 9/12 and tied for 1st in my section with IM Horvat (Slovakia), qualifying for the World Cup Semi-Finals later in 2013.



Me and family (2011). Back row: Jonathan, Samuel, Jeremiah

Front Row: Alexander, me, Linda, Deborah.

Jonathan graduated from Heritage U in English and works in Portland.

Samuel graduated from Portland State U in Computer Science and works in Portland.

Jeremiah (youngest, just turned 20) is a senior at Heritage U in Computer Science.

Alexander graduated from the U. of Washington in Theater and now is studying at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis.

Deborah studied music but now is in business as co-founder of GeekChic Cosmetics.

Linda is semi.retired from a career as a mathematics professor.

My Dream Tournament

By **Tony Dutiel**

The United States Amateur Team East, also referred to as the World Team and USATE, was held on February 16-18 at the Hilton Hotel in Parsippany, NJ. With 283 teams, totaling almost 1200 players, this is the largest adult tournament held in the US which does not offer cash prizes. Instead of cash prizes, engraved chess clocks are awards in numerous categories. I have wanted to compete in the World Team for over a decade now. Every year I would ask around, and I could never find teammates willing to go. People's excuses ranged from the high cost, traveling complications due to being held in the wintertime, lack of cash prizes, or more often than not, there would be a cheaper tournament, closer to home, that did offer cash prizes. This year I was finally able to go, and I was not disappointed!

The most appealing aspect of the tournament is the atmosphere. Unlike a CCA big money event where everyone is ultra serious, there is definitely a fun, jovial environment at the World Team. At the World Open, all people wanted to do was study or rest between rounds. In NJ, people were more inclined to play skittles chess and mingle. Before each round Steve Doyle, the organizer would put on an exciting show up at the microphone giving away all kinds of free stuff to players that came up with answers to his chess related trivia questions, or had random items like a subway token or NY Times paper. Very entertaining!

My team was a hodgepodge of players. It started with my good friend from Kansas City, Ben Gradsky, as my Bd. 1. He contacted an old friend he met in college in Pittsburgh, PA who now lives in San Francisco, CA, Yuan Wang. I found the fourth teammate through Facebook, Doug Caldwell, hailing from Northeastern PA. The end result was a diverse team.

With so many players, accelerated pairings had to be used to increase the likelihood of not ending up with more than one perfect score. This hurt my team as we had to play the top seed, Whoop Whoop Gata Kamsky style, rated 2199. All my teammates were playing masters, while I was paired with a junior player, Anthony Nguyen. He gave me a pawn and tried attacking me. I defended and was able to take advantage of a key blunder which netted a Rook. Unfortunately, all my teammates lost to the masters.

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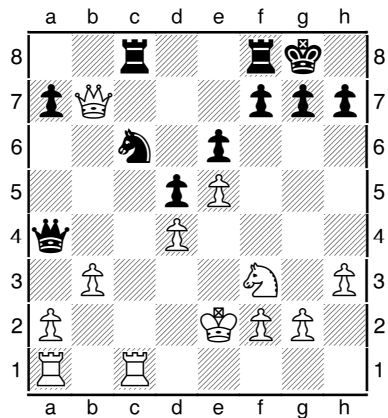
World Amateur Team (USATE)

Rnd 1. Bd 1-4

White: **Tony Dutiel** (1826)

Black: Anthony Nguyen(1960)

1.e4, c5 2.c3, Nf6 3.e5, Nd5 4. Nf3, d6 5.d4, cd 6. Bc4, Nb6 7.cd, Nxc4 8. Qa4+, Nc6 9. Qxc4, d5 10. Qb3, Bg4 11. Qxb7, Rc8 12. Nbd2, e6 13.h3, Bxf3 14. Nxf3, Bb4+ 15. Bd2, Bxd2+ 16. Kxd2, Qa5+ 17. Ke2, 0-0 18. Rhc1, Qa4 19. b3



Position after 19.b3

19...Nxd4+?? (Qa3 is unclear as he almost has compensation for the pawn.)
20. Nxd4, Qxd4 21. Qxc8!, Qxe5+ 22. Kf1, Qh2 23. f3, Qe5 24. Qc7, Qf5 25. Re1, d4 26. Qe5, Qd3+ 27. Kg1, Rd8 28. Rad1, Qc3 29. Re4 1-0

That ended up being my most solid game of the tournament, requiring accurate calculation defending, no major mistakes on my part, and the ability to see the winning combination. My next game however, was my sloppiest win. After many mistakes and missed opportunities on from both sides, I was dead lost, facing 3 connected passed pawns. I swindled him by creating a mating net which he overlooked. It was easily avoidable, but was my only chance. A big surprise came to us after I finished my game. My opponent's teammates looked up our individual ratings while they were waiting for me to resign and noticed our team was playing out of rating order according to the February rating supplement. Yuan's current rating is over 2000, but his Feb. one is only 1954, 6 points lower than Doug's Feb. rating. The middle 2 games counted for rating purposes, but we were forfeited on both boards for the match score, giving us a draw for the round instead of a win with a 4-0 sweep. As a result we were paired way down for the next 2 rounds, giving us essentially 2 byes for both of Sunday's rounds. My opponents were Nick Signorello, who was unrated, and Mark Wood (1189). In both games, my opponents made obvious one move blunders which dropped material. On the bright side, I was able to spend most of

the day playing bughouse in the skittles room helping me prepare for the Bughouse tournament held Sunday night.

Historically, the bughouse side event is the largest and strongest adult bughouse tournament held in the United States. The only thing that compares to it is the bughouse tournaments held the day before the Super Nationals every 4 years which I am no longer eligible to compete in. This year, there were 33 teams including many master strength players. The seeding was grossly inaccurate as they used the average of our regular USCF ratings. At 1950, we were seeded 10, but actually much stronger. I wish I had asked the players their names before each round as that information is now largely lost. All I have is the team's average rating and team name. Ours was *The Terminators*, and we were paired down to *Shootsnipekill*. I won in like 10 moves after a Bxf7 sac. We were paired up to the top seed, *We Suck*, in Rnd. 2 featuring IM Alex Barnett and another master. Somehow Ben was able to beat the IM despite the fact that he faced an extra queen that I gave away. Our 3rd round opponent was even stronger as Ben had to play a 2500 player whose name I cannot remember. I faced another master, but was able to get in a position where a Rook forced a smothered mate in 2 which Ben was able to show me. Round 4 was an intense struggle as we faced *Ohh Boy* (2055), the same team which won this tournament 2 years ago. That was the most fun, and longest game of the tournament for us. I got into a position where I was mated, but Ben was able to win before we got down on time with only 2 seconds to spare (In Bughouse, the time of my opponent's teammate and mine are compared. As soon as he has more time remaining than I do, he can stop making moves and force me to move as my flag will fall before his.) In the final round, we were paired with *bughousemaster.com*, Neph Diaz (1708) and Peter Minear (2323). In true strength, they were easily the strongest bughouse team in the tournament. Ben had previously played both of them on FICS numerous times (handles: TrumpetX and Pminear). They are both master-strength bughouse players. I lost to Pete. He was able to weaken the white squares around my King which I was never able to defend against. Worse yet, a fan of Neph's was videotaping all of his games, and the video of the game can be found online at <http://www.bughousemaster.com/Bughouse>. My only videotaped bughouse game ever out of the thousands I have played, and I got crushed. They won \$180 and the title, while we tied with 4 other teams for 2nd and only got \$40 since we had to share. So close. I wanted to win that last round game more badly than any other chess or bughouse game I have ever played. I was a nervous wreck. Unfortunately, desire is not enough to win when faced with a vastly superior opponent.

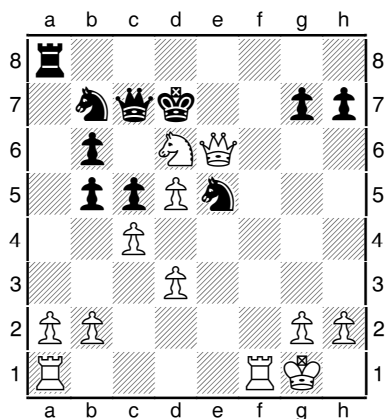
Back to the chess. My 5th round was my flashiest win, but also my weakest opponent. We barely won the match 2.5-1.5, giving us 3.5 match points out of 5. We were suddenly in contention for a team class prize for U2000. Additionally, I had a chance to win a second clock if I won my last game and finished 6-0. I was in the same situation in 2008 when I traveled to Madison, WI for the much smaller Amateur Team North where I was individually 4-0 and my team would clinch 1st U1900 with a last round win. That game actually did cost me 2 clocks as my game was the last to finish, and it would've secured the match win as well. This year, a win on my part would've only tie the match, and considering our comparatively weaker opponents, our tiebreaks sucked. As it turned out, both my team and I lost. So, I won nothing. There ended up being a 13 way tie for 1st U2000 at 4 points, with Chess Kings winning on tiebreaks. Again, I was so close. I had a won ending too. But, I messed it up under pressure. Like in the first round, they did outrank us on every board. A complete crosstable can be found at <http://njscf.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/2013-USATE-Final-Wall-Chart-v2.txt>. The USCF crosstable is less revealing as it does not reflect the team names or rosters. Overall, it was an awesome tournament experience! In my opinion, there is quite literally, not a tournament in the country that compares to it. Here are my last 2 games.

USATE Rnd. 5 Bd. 44-4

White: **Tony Dutiel** (1826)

Black: **Melissa Biegel**(891)

1.e4, e5 2. Nf3, Nc6 3. Bc4, Nf6 4. Ng5, d5 5. ed, Na5 6. Bb5+, Bd7 7. Qe2, Qe7 8. Bxd7+, Nxd7 9. d3, c5 10. c4, b6 11. Nc3, Nb7 12. Nb5, Qd8 13. f4, a6 14. fe, axb5 15. 0-0, Qc7 16. Nxf7, Rg8 17. Nd6+, Kd8 18. Bg5+, Be7 19. Bxe7+, Kxe7 20. Qg4, Nxe5 21. Qe6+, Kd8 22. Qxg8+, Kd7 23. Qe6+ 1-0
Final Position below.

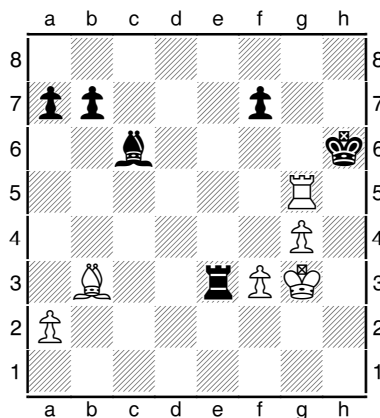


USATE Rnd. 6 Bd. 21-4

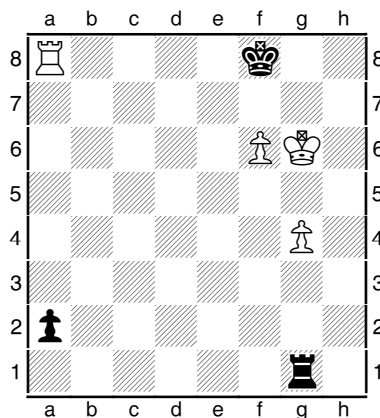
White: Nathan Smolensky(1904)

Black: **Tony Dutiel** (1826)

1.Nf3, d5 2. d4, c5 3. c4, Nf6 4. cd, cd 5. Qxd4, Qxd5 6. Nc3, Qa5 7. Ne5, Nbd7 8. Nc4, Qb4 9. Bf4, e5 10. Bxe5, Nxe5 11. Qxe5+, Be6 12. e3, Rc8 13. Na5, Rc5 14. Qb8+, Rc8 15. Qe5, Bd6 16. Qb5+, Bd7? (Ke7! Wins a piece in the event of a Queen trade since I can capture the Knight on b3 before capturing on c3.) 17. Qxb4, Bxb4 18. Nb3, Rxc3 19. bxc3, Bxc3+ 20. Ke2, Bxa1 21. Nxa1, 0-0?! (Again Ke7! Is best as I am completely safe there and my king is closer to the center.) 22. f3, Rc8 23. g4, Nd5 24. Kd2, Re8? (Nc3! wins as he cannot save his a-pawn, giving me 2 connected passed pawns, and an easy win.) 25. Nc2, Ba4 26. Bc4 (He has finally equalized, but I need a win.) 26... Rc8 27. Bxd5, Rxc2+ 28. Kd3, Rc7 29. Bb3, Bb5+ 30. Ke4, g5 31. Kf5, h6 32. h4, Kg7 33. hg, Rc5+ 34. Kf4, hg+ 35. Kg3, Rc3 36. Rd1, Rxe3 37. Rd5, Bc6 38. Rxg5+, Kh6?? Please see the diagram below.



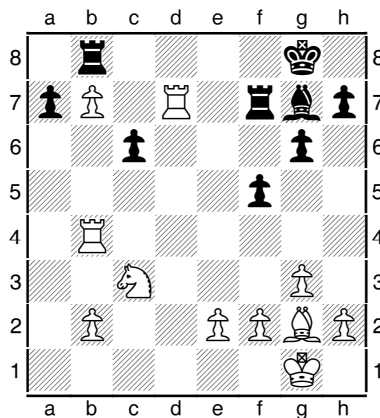
(The losing move. It is equal after 38... Kf8 since I can defend the f7 pawn with my Rook if he tries Rf5.) 39. Rf5, Kg7 40. Rxf7+, Kg6 41. Rf5, a5 42. Bd5, Ra3 43. Bxc6, bxc6 44. Rc5, Rxa2 45. Rxc6+, Kg7 46. f4, a4 47. Ra6, a3 48.f5, Ra1 49. Kf4, a2 50. Kg5, Kf7 51. Ra7+, Ke8 52.f6, Kf8 53. Kg6, Rg1 54. Ra8++ Final Position below.



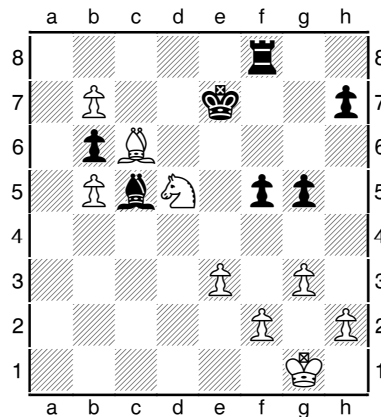
A Game from Nebraska's Newest International Master Keaton Kiewra!

(1) Kiewra - Fernandez Garcia [D71] Sants, 22.08.2012

1.Nf3 Going into this game in round 6 of the Sants open, I was having a good tournament with 4 from 5, but if I wanted to score a GM norm I needed to kick it up a notch with a win here against the long time Spanish Grandmaster. I saw from looking at his games in the database that he liked to play the Gruenfeld. I have some experience playing this system for black against g3 lines, so I decided to try to put that experience to work here by targeting the Gruenfeld. **1...Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.d4 Nb6 8.Nc3** I prepared this pawn sac at home before the game. White's idea is to get an endgame with well coordinated pieces to compensate for the pawn. **8...Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.a4** The more forcing 10.Qxd4 is common, but I thought 10. a4 was a dangerous sideline that my opponent might not know. **10...Qxd1 11.Rxd1 c6?!** When I was preparing this line I remember thinking that the double edged position after [11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 a6 gave black his best chances. The text allows white to attain excellent piece play.] **12.a5 Nc4 13.Ra4 Nd6 14.a6 0-0 15.Bg5** Every white piece is performing a useful function and the pawn on a6 has become an intolerable bone in black's throat. **15...f6 16.Bf4 f5 17.Rb4 Bd7** The black position finally breaks under white's pressure. I was half expecting my opponent to resign here as the protected passed pawn on b7 seems like too much to handle. To my amazement though GM Fernandez Garcia fought on with incredibly stingy defense, and almost saved this ending. **18.axb7 Rab8 19.Bxd6** [19.Na4 Be6 20.Bxd6 exd6 21.Rxd6 Rfe8 22.Nc5] **19...exd6 20.Rxd6 Rf7 21.Rxd7** Please see the position below.

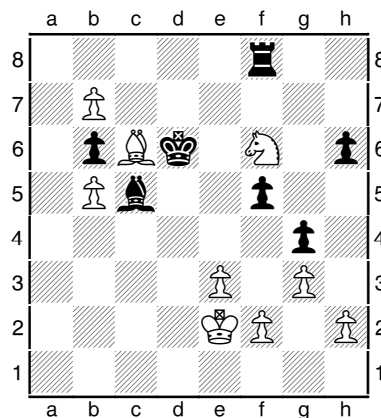


The exchange sac guarantees white a pleasant endgame as his light squares are immortal. [21.Bxc6 Was an interesting variation, which I rejected because of... 21...Bf8 22.Rxd7 Rxd7 23.Bxd7 Bxb4 24.Bc8 Bxc3 25.bxc3 a5 26.c4 not... 26...a4 (26...Kf8 27.c5 Ke7 28.c6 Kd6μ and the king is in time) 27.c5 a3 28.c6 a2 29.Be6+ which wins for white] **21...Rxd7 22.Bxc6 Rd6 23.Bf3 Rb6 24.Rxb6 axb6 25.Na4 Bd4 26.b4 [26.e3 b5!] 26...Kf8 27.b5 Ke7 28.e3 Bc5 29.Nc3 Rf8 30.Bc6 g5 31.Nd5+**



Position after 31 Nd5+

My minor pieces have achieved their ideal setup where they coordinate perfectly and everything is protected. **31...Ke6 32.Kg2??** [32.Nc7+ Kd6 (32...Ke7 33.Be8) 33.Na6] **32...h6 33.Kf3** Missing the win again! This blind spot was the one thing about this game that I was unhappy with. I already had a plan in mind and I got tunnel vision. Fortunately my position was winning enough that it didn't cost me. **33...g4+ 34.Ke2 Kd6?** [34...Rd8 would have been more stubborn, but white wins after... 35.Kd3 Bd6 36.Kc4 Bb8 37.Nxb6 Rd2 38.Kc3 Rxf2 39.Nd7 Bd6 40.b8Q Bxb8 41.Nxb8 Rxh2 42.b6] **35.Nf6**



And black resigned. the game could have continued... **35...Kc7 36.Nd7 Rd8 37.b8Q+ Rxb8 38.Nxb8 Kxb8 39.Bd7** and the opposite colored bishops ending is winning because white wins all the black pawns that are locked on white squares. **1-0**

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Tournament Results

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2012 Omaha Central Tournament held on 11/17/12. The event was directed by John Hartmann and Drew Thyden. The winner of the Open section was John Stepp with a 4-0 score. J. Maelderry won the under 1200 section below with the same score. Report by Kent Nelson

No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	J. Maelderry	1031	W 11	W 6	W 3	W 2	4.0
2	V. Retineni	1197	W 9	W 4	W 5	L 1	3.0
3	S. Potineni	1145	W 13	W 7	L 1	W 8	3.0
4	J. Severa	1063	W 10	L 2	X	X	3.0
5	A. McIntosh	986	W 16	W 12	L 2	W 7	3.0
6	A. Nelson	1199	W 8	L 1	L 7	W 14	2.0
7	U. Harding	959	W 15	L 3	W 6	L 5	2.0
8	A. Zaleski	957	L 6	W 11	W 14	L 3	2.0
9	H. Hawbaker	818	L 2	W 10	W 12	F	2.0
10	N. Zaleski	644	L 4	W 9	W 16	W 12	2.0
11	K. Shen	542	L 1	L 8	W 15	W 16	2.0
12	R. Siverling	1023	W 14	L 5	L 9	L 10	1.0
13	S. Sharp	787	L 3	W 15	F	U	1.0
14	R. Marcoux	776	L 12	W 16	L 8	L 6	1.0
15	C. Lin	331	L 7	L 13	L 11	B	1.0
16	J. Thordarsal	531	L 5	L 14	L 10	L 11	0-0

Central 2012 Rated Open Section							
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	J. Stepp	1753	X	W 6	W 8	W 3	4.0
2	T. Dutiel	1840	D 13	W 14	W 10	W 8	3.5
3	Doug Given	1776	W 5	W 12	W 9	L 1	3.0
4	J. Carini	1314	W 20	L 9	W 13	W 11	3.0
5	D. Nguyen	1196	L 3	B	W 18	W 9	3.0
6	I. Koeppe	Unr	W 16	L 1	D 7	W 12	2.5
7	K. Siverling	1205	L 8	W 15	D 6	W 13	2.5
8	J. Wan	1863	W 7	W 10	L 1	L 2	2.0
9	B. Li	1777	W 17	W 4	L 3	L 5	2.0
10	T. Samiev	1329	W 15	L 8	L 2	W 16	2.0
11	M. Hezel	1174	F	W 16	W 19	L 5	2.0
12	H. McMinn	1153	W 19	L 3	W14	L 6	2.0
13	D. Sparks	1266	D 2	W 19	L 4	L 7	1.5
14	T. Benetz	1299	W 18	L 2	L 12	D 15	1.5
15	A. McFayden	1152	L 10	L 7	B	D 14	1.5
16	J. Selvaraj	1303	L 6	L 11	W 17	L 10	1.0
17	A. Wolzen	1198	L 9	L 18	L 16	W 19	1.0
18	W. Hunter	453	L 14	W 17	L 5	U	1.0
19	K. Axelson	1620	L 12	L 13	L 11	L 17	0-0
20	M. Russell	743	L 4	U	U	U	0-0

The 2012 Great Plains Open

The Great Plains Open was held at Lincoln's Quality Inn on December 1st and 2nd 2012. 32 players competed in two sections. Winner of the Open section was Stan Capps with a perfect 5-0 score. The tournament was organized by John Linscott and directed by Mike Gooch. The final standings of the Open is below.

No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	S. Capps	2008	W 14	W 5	W 7	W 2	W 8	5.0
2	J. Knapp	2055	W 17	W 12	W 4	L 1	W 5	4.0
3	J. Wan	1841	W 16	L 4	W 14	H	W 9	3.5
4	J. Linscott	1971	W 15	W 3	L 2	D 9	D 7	3.0
5	Doug Given	1779	W 13	L 1	W 16	W 7	L 2	3.0
6	J. Reigenborn	622	B	L 9	L 15	W 16	W 14	3.0
7	B. Fabrikant	2009	W 9	W 8	L 1	L 5	D 4	2.5
8	T. O'Connor	1923	W 10	L 7	H	W 12	L 1	2.5
9	J. Stepp	1803	L 7	W 6	W 12	D 4	L 3	2.5
10	A. Johnson	1627	L 8	W 13	H	D 14	D 11	2.5
11	A. Erickson	1514	L 12	L 14	W 13	W 15	D 10	2.5
12	N. Reeves	1906	W 11	L 2	L 9	L 8	W 16	2.0
13	David Given	1242	L 5	L 10	L 11	B	W 15	2.0
14	R. Kappel	1700	L 1	W 11	L 3	D 10	L 6	1.5
15	D. McFarland	1652	L 4	L 16	W 6	L 11	L 13	1.0
16	J. McFarland	1232	L 3	W 15	L 5	L 6	L 12	1.0
17	J. Hartmann	1758	L 2	U	U	U	U	0-0

The 2012 Great Plains Open

Father Connor won the 2nd section of the 2012 Great Plains Open with a perfect 5.0 score. Final standings are below.

No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	R. B. Connor	1152	W 15	W 3	W 2	W 4	W 8	5.0
2	D. Schlautman	901	W 5	W 12	L 1	W 11	W 4	4.0
3	C. Smith	609	W 6	L 1	W 10	W 5	W 9	4.0
4	G. Campbell	663	W 8	W 11	W 9	L 1	L 2	3.0
5	K. Little	Unr	L 2	W 6	W 12	L 3	W 11	3.0
6	G. Sehring	Unr	L 3	L 5	W 15	W 14	W 10	3.0
7	N. Brantner	Unr	L 11	L 8	B	W 13	W 15	3.0
8	C. Healy	Unr	L 4	W 7	W 13	D 10	L 1	2.5
9	N. Luginbill	Unr	D 10	W 13	L 4	W 12	L 3	2.5
10	K. Shen	576	D 9	W 15	L 3	D 8	L 6	2.0
11	B. Dalton	269	W 7	L 4	W 14	L 2	L 5	2.0
12	C. Fredericks	217	B	L 2	L 5	L 9	W 14	2.0
13	G. Campbell	Unr	W 14	L 9	L 8	L 7	B	2.0
14	H. Sibley	Unr	L 13	B	L 11	L 6	L 12	1.0
15	L. Dalton	Unr	L 1	L 10	L 6	B	L 7	1.0

2013 Nebraska Scholastic Team Tournament was held in Omaha on February 9th. 74 players completed in 3 sections. D. Schlautman won the K-8 section with a perfect 4-0 score. C. Hardy and C. Kumke each scored 4-0 in the K-3 section and rounding out the section winners was C. Corpuz and K. Feldhaus with 4-0 also. The event was directed by John Hartmann with assistance from Drew Thyden. Report by Kent Nelson

No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	D. Schlautman	917	W 15	W 10	W 11	W 9	4.0
2	S. Lim	Unr	W 16	W 5	L 4	W 3	3.0
3	C. Schlautman	778	W 14	W 8	W 9	L 2	3.0
4	Z. Kerkman	762	L 11	W 17	W 2	W 12	3.0
5	G. Campbell	716	W 13	L 2	W 10	W 16	3.0
6	S. Thomsen	641	W 17	L 9	W 19	W 13	3.0
7	R. Floyd	Unr	L 10	W 16	W 17	W 14	3.0
8	M. Chambers	326	B	L 3	W 15	W 17	3.0
9	J. McElderry	1221	W 12	W 6	L 3	L 1	2.0
10	J. Williams	Unr	W 7	L 1	L 5	W 11	2.0
11	M. Donahoe	Unr	W 4	W 13	L 1	L 10	2.0
12	R. Specht	Unr	L 9	W 15	W 16	L 4	2.0
13	C. Cusick	Unr	L 5	L 11	B	L 6	1.0
14	J.T. Gillett	Unr	L 3	B	L 6	L 7	1.0
15	I. Bertino	Unr	L 1	L 12	L 8	B	1.0
16	A. Rodriquez	Unr	L 2	L 7	L 12	L 5	0-0
17	K. Loehr	Unr	L 6	L 4	L 7	L 8	0-0

2013 Nebraska Scholastic Team Tournament K-3 Section							
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	C. Hardy	601	W 21	W 10	W 9	W 4	4.0
2	C. Kumke	342	W 11	W 18	W 8	W 9	4.0
3	T. Kerkman	655	W 6	W 5	L 4	W 13	3.0
4	S. Selvaraj	356	W 19	W 17	W 3	L 1	3.0
5	H. Johs	101	W 7	L 3	W 10	W 11	3.0
6	J. Beller	105	L 3	W 15	W 16	W 12	3.0
7	J. Kerkman	595	L 5	D 8	W 21	W 16	2.5
8	I. Kidder	313	W 15	D 7	L 2	W 17	2.5
9	S. Chokkara	829	W 13	W 12	L 1	L 2	2.0
10	R. Mahoney	333	W 22	L 1	L 5	W 18	2.0
11	M. Vossen	Unr	L 2	W 19	W 17	L 5	2.0
12	B. Thomsen	272	W 20	L 9	W 14	L 6	2.0
13	C. Horne	110	L 9	W 20	L 18	L 3	2.0
14	B. Korus	Unr	L 17	W 22	L 12	W 19	2.0
15	T. West	Unr	L 8	L 6	D 20	W 22	1.5
16	B. Dalton	342	L 18	W 21	L 6	L 7	1.0
17	G. Campbell	198	W 14	L 4	L 11	L 8	1.0
18	L. Hadland	Unr	W 16	L 2	L 13	L 10	1.0
19	M. Brooks	Unr	L 4	L 11	W 22	L 14	1.0
20	D. Fricke	Unr	L 12	L 13	D 15	D 21	1.0
21	J. Kalina	Unr	L 1	L 16	L 7	D 20	0.5
22	T. Stroman	Unr	L 10	L 14	L 19	L 15	0-0

2013 Nebraska Scholastic Team Tournament K-6 Section							
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	C. Corpuz	1064	W 8	W 9	W 4	W 6	4.0
2	K. Feldhaus	456	W 29	W 27	W 5	W 7	4.0
3	I. Krings	1035	W 23	L 4	W 12	W 17	3.0
4	B. Lyons	911	W 16	W 3	L 1	W 15	3.0
5	A. Stumpff	750	W 10	W 17	L 2	W 20	3.0
6	J. Ackerman	504	W 28	W 20	W 15	L 1	3.0
7	S. Stumpff	596	W 22	W 32	L 11	L 2	3.0
8	J. Gathje	408	L 1	W 34	W 28	W 14	3.0
9	A. Boerner	439	W 34	L 1	W 18	W 19	3.0
10	A. Meyerle	357	L 5	W 26	W 16	W 21	3.0
11	D. Duong	429	W 33	W 21	L 7	W 24	3.0
12	M. Mandolfo	580	D 25	W 24	L 3	W 27	2.5
13	C. Mahoney	514	D 24	W 25	L 14	W 28	2.5
14	T. Feldhaus	997	L 17	W 31	W 13	L 8	2.0
15	R. Kim	690	W 31	W 18	L 6	L 4	2.0
16	R. Peters	629	L 4	W 35	L 10	W 29	2.0
17	A. Brown 111	359	W 14	L 5	W 27	L 3	2.0
18	M. Dolezal	Unr	W 19	L 15	L 9	W 30	2.0
19	S. Corey	626	L 18	W 33	W 30	L 9	2.0
20	C. Aldrich	498	W 35	L 6	W 29	L 5	2.0
21	K. Shen	519	W 26	L 11	W 32	L 10	2.0
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2013 Nebraska Scholastic Team Tournament K-6 Section continued							
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
22	M. Kremer	Unr	L 7	L 28	W 33	W 31	2.0
23	M. Mandolfo	Unr	L 3	L 29	W 35	W 32	2.0
24	E. Schmidt	Unr	D 13	L 12	W 25	L 11	1.5
25	C. Schlautman	Unr	D 12	L 13	L 24	W 34	1.5
26	V. Davidson	Unr	L 21	L 10	D 34	W 35	1.5
27	H. Drvol	765	W 30	L 2	L 17	L 12	1.0
28	W. Dunkleman	714	L 6	W 22	L 8	L 13	1.0
29	C. Uhing	Unr	L 2	W 23	L 20	L 16	1.0
30	W. Duralia	328	L 27	B	L 19	L 18	1.0
31	H. Robinson	250	L 15	L 14	B	L 22	1.0
32	B. Thrasher	193	B	L 7	L 21	L 23	1.0
33	S. Dubois	Unr	L 11	L 19	L 22	B	1.0
34	L. Hovosad	Unr	L 9	L 8	D 26	L 25	0.5
35	J. Landon	Unr	L 20	L 16	L 23	L 26	0-0

Three-Way Tie for First at Midwest Open

Report by

John Hartmann

Joe Knapp, John Linscott and Doug Given tied for first place with 4.0/5 at the 2013 edition of the Midwest Open. The tournament, notable for its returning to a two day format, saw a healthy field of 43 players do battle for nearly a thousand dollars in prizes.

Players also had to do battle with the elements. Sunday saw a blustery snowstorm descend upon the Midwest, and some players were forced to take byes or leave early. In the most unfortunate of these circumstances, Dusan Tutush, an expert from Chicago, had to take a zero-point bye in the final round so as to return to Illinois before the worst of the storm. As he was leading the field after the fourth round, this surely cost him some money, but to his credit, Tutush was ever the gentleman about the situation.

Players from five states took part in the tournament, and in a turn that bodes well for the future of chess here in the Midwest, fifteen juniors tested themselves against a field whose rating averaged over 1500. Temur Samiev had the standout performance of the event, going 3.0/5 against very strong opposition and gaining 184 rating points in the process. It was also heartening to welcome Roger Anderson and Bob Woodworth, longtime Nebraska standouts and champions, back to rated play.

As an added attraction, the Inaugural Midwest Solving Championship was held on Friday night before the rated event. Joe Knapp added to his trophy shelf by winning this event as well, and Brandon Li was the top junior solver. See Hartmann's Corner elsewhere in this issue for more on this new Omaha tradition.

The Midwest Open was held on March 9th and 10th at the Omaha Marriott in Omaha. The tournament was ably directed by Mike Gooch and organized by John Hartmann. Thanks to all the players for making it a great success!

2013 Midwest Open								
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	J. Knapp	2051	W 30	W 13	W 21	L 4	W 5	4.0
2	J. Linscott	1921	W 14	D 19	D 12	W 17	W 16	4.0
3	Doug Given	1757	W 27	D 5	W 7	H	W 9	4.0
4	D. Tutush	1995	W 24	D 8	W 18	W 1	U	3.5
5	T. O'Connor	1920	W 16	D 3	W 8	L 11	L 1	3.5
6	Jerry Slominski	1913	H	L 17	W 33	W 19	B	3.5
7	T. Dutiel	1837	W 31	H	L 3	B	W 21	3.5
8	M. Miller	1780	W 37	D 4	L 5	W 34	W 23	3.5
9	T. Gaul	1930	W 25	L 21	W 34	W 14	L 3	3.0
10	J. Wan	1865	W 15	D 20	W 19	H	U	3.0
11	K. Nelson	1801	W 35	W 23	D 17	L 5	D 15	3.0
12	R. Anderson	1794	D 26	W 43	D 2	D 23	D 17	3.0
13	J. Hartmann	1785	W 39	L 1	W 35	L 16	W 30	3.0
14	I. Koeppe	1502	L 2	W 39	W 40	L 9	W 31	3.0
15	J. Carini	1423	L 10	W 38	W 28	D 21	D 11	3.0
16	D. Dostal	1465	L 5	W 27	W 32	W 13	L 2	3.0
17	T. Samiev	1309	W 28	W 6	D 11	L 2	D 12	3.0
18	J. Stepp	1804	W 36	D 34	L 4	H	H	2.5
19	B. Li	1760	W 40	D 2	L 10	L 6	W 33	2.5
20	D. Raines	1700	W 38	D 10	H	H	U	2.5
21	C. Forsman	1699	W 41	W 9	L 1	D 15	L 7	2.5
22	K. Motschman	1631	U	H	H	W 26	D 25	2.5

2013 Midwest Open-continued								
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
23	D. Sayler	1592	W 33	L 11	W 31	D 12	L 8	2.5
24	M. Capron	1508	L 4	W 37	D 26	H	H	2.5
25	M. Jetty	1426	L 9	L 40	W 37	W 41	D 22	2.5
26	J. Selvaraj	1224	D 12	D 29	D 24	L 22	W 34	2.5
27	A. McIntosh	1052	L 3	L 16	D 36	W 43	W 35	2.5
28	C. Baumgartner	1864	L 17	W 42	L 15	W 40	U	2.0
29	R. Woodworth	1757	D 43	D 26	H	H	U	2.0
30	A. Erickson	1546	L 1	L 35	W 43	W 38	L 13	2.0
31	M. Hezel	1449	L 7	W 41	L 23	W 32	L 14	2.0
32	N. Mullen	Unr	L 34	W 36	L 16	L 31	W 40	2.0
33	J. Costello	442	L 23	B	L 6	W 36	L 19	2.0
34	S. Jacobs	1575	W 32	D 18	L 9	L 8	L 26	1.5
35	David Given	1255	L 11	W 30	L 13	H	L 27	1.5
36	A. Vetter	1337	L 18	L 32	D 27	L 33	W 41	1.5
37	A. Samiev	1119	L 8	L 24	L 25	W 39	D 38	1.5
38	C. Chavez	1099	L 20	L 15	W 39	L 30	D 37	1.5
39	V. Retineni	1207	L 13	L 14	L 38	L 37	W 43	1.0
40	S. Potineni	1127	L 19	W 25	L 14	L 28	L 32	1.0
41	J. Reigenborn	819	L 21	L 31	B	L 25	L 36	1.0
42	Gary Slominski	713	H	L 28	H	U	U	1.0
43	A. Jaddu	964	D 29	L 12	L 30	L 27	L 39	0.5

2013 Midwest Open Pictures



John Hartmann (left) and TD Mike Gooch share a light hearted moment.



Joseph and Huishan input a game that Joseph must have won judging by the smiles.

2013 Midwest Open Pictures



Tony Dutiel sets up his army.



A plethora of players surround Midwest Open organizer, John Hartmann.

2013 Midwest Open Pictures



Players getting ready to rumble!



David Given, (left standing) and a player wearing a blue shirt who is yet unidentified, watch a game between two generation of players—Roger Anderson (foreground with the silver hair battles T. Samiev in a hard fought game resulting in a draw.

2013 Nebraska State High School Team

The Nebraska State High School Team Championship was held in Omaha on March 3rd 2013. The event was directed by Mike Gooch with assistance from Drew Thyden and drew 15 players. Mitch Hezel scored a perfect 5-0 to top the field. Report by Kent Nelson

No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	M. Hezel	1396	W 15	W 10	W 5	W 3	W 4	5.0
2	B. Li	1767	D 3	W 4	W 6	W 10	W 5	4.5
3	C. Chavez	886	D 2	W 8	W 13	L 1	W 12	3.5
4	A. Vetter	Unr	W 7	L 2	W 11	W 12	L 1	3.0
5	D. Hguyen	1303	W 12	W 11	L 1	W 13	L 2	3.0
6	T. Samiev	1350	L 11	W 14	L 2	D 7	W 13	2.5
7	H. McMin	1215	L 4	W 15	L 10	D 6	W 9	2.5
8	D. Kries	1163	H	L 3	L 9	W 15	W 10	2.5
9	A. Samiev	1182	L 13	L 12	W 8	W 11	L 7	2.0
10	A. McIntosh	1036	W 14	L 1	W 7	L 2	L 8	2.0
11	A. Zaleski	948	W 6	L 5	L 4	L 9	W 15	2.0
12	H. Hawbaker	906	L 5	W 9	W 15	L 4	L 3	2.0
13	M. Russell	741	W 9	H	L 3	L 5	L 6	1.5
14	N. Zaleski	717	L 10	L 6	U	U	U	0-0
15	J. Mulligan	Unr	L 1	L 7	L 12	L 8	L 11	0-0

John Stepp Wins 2012 Player of the Year!



John Stepp won his first Nebraska Player of the Year title by 1/2 point over Joseph Wan. John won by playing consistent chess over the course of the 4 POY tournaments which included the Midwest Open, the Polar Bear, the Cornhusker State games and finally the Great Plains Open. Other POY class winners will be determined and reported in the next *Gambit*. Special thanks to Mike Gooch for compiling the numbers and results!-Report by Kent Nelson

No	Name	MWO	Polar Bear	CSG	GPO	Tot
1	John Stepp	2	2	3	2.5	9.5
2	Joseph Wan	3	2.5		3.5	9
3	Ray Kappel	3	1.5	2.5	1.5	8.5
4	Doug Given	3		2	3	8
5	Joe Knapp	3.5			4	7.5
6	Kent Nelson	2.5	1	4		7.5
7	John Linscott			3.5	3	6.5
8	Brandon Li	3	3			6
9	Ben Fabrikant			3.5	2.5	6
10	John Hartmann	2.5		3		5.5
11	Tom O'Conner			3	2.5	5.5
12	Ross Ellsworth	2.5	2.5			5
13	Greg Revesz	2		3		5

**2012 Final POY Standings
continued**

No	Name	MWO	Polar Bear	CSG	GPO	Tot
13	Neil Reeves			3	2	5
14	Stanley Capps				5	5
15	K. Alagheband			4.5		4.5
16	Chad Forsman	2	1.5			3.5
17	David Given	1			2	3
18	Doug McFarland			2	1	3
19	J. Reigenborn				3	3
20	Alan Johnson				2.5	2.5
21	Alek Erickson				2.5	2.5
22	Eric Barnes	2				2
23	Spike Sharp	2				2
24	A. McFayden			2		2
25	James McFarland			1	1	2
26	Larry Fangman	1.5				1.5
27	Gary Brown	1				1
28	Erika Griffiths	1				1
29	Don Dostal		1			1
30	A. Srivastava			1		1
31	Peter Beierle			1		1
32	Warren Hunter	0.5				0.5
33	Jerry Slominski			0.5		0.5
34	Angel Finley	0				0

Hartmann's Corner

April 2013

Long have I bemoaned, to both the willing and unwilling, the state of American chess culture. Today's players seem wholly uninterested in the history and culture of our beloved game. They know nothing about the great players of the past, and what little they do know, they learn from Youtube videos and Wikipedia. Who has time for Capablanca, or Reinfeld on Capablanca, when the endless now of Internet blitz emits its siren call?

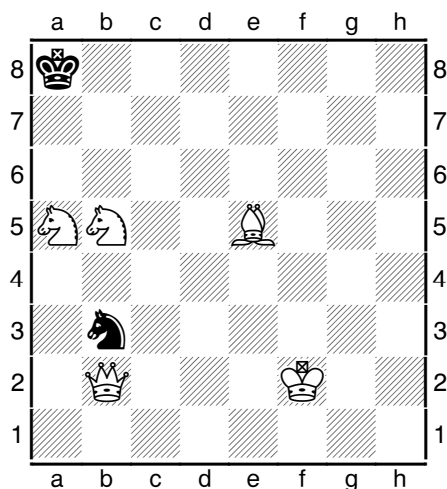
This is not merely the idle rambling of a crusty old chess player., nor the Caissaic equivalent of my shouting 'get off my lawn' at passing teens! When we consider why young chess players tend to give up the game in their adolescence – ignoring the obvious call of hormonal youth, of course – it would seem that part of the problem is their lack of rootedness in the culture of chess. There is no soil in which their interest in chess can grow, no earth to hold them fast to the game.

Recently I have come to the hard realization that I, much as I try, will never really improve my chess much beyond its current state. My contributions must lie elsewhere: there are no Giocondas in my chess future! So when I took on the organization of the 2013 Midwest Open, I tried to think of something that I could add to the traditional tournament format, something unusual that might interest players and expose them to other facets of chess. That little bit of lagniappe was the Inaugural Midwest Solving Championship, held on the Friday evening before the start of the Midwest Open and devoted to the pleasures of solving chess problems and studies.

Solving events are not well-known here in America; in fact, I could find no recent reference to any here in the new world! Our more-cultured brothers and sisters on the Continent are spoiled in this regard, as there exist national solving events along with satellite solving competitions at large OTB tournaments like Tata Steel, *née* Wijk aan Zee. The idea is fairly simple. Solvers are presented with a set of chess problems (mate in twos or threes, helpmates, selfmates, serial mates) and endgame studies which they must conquer in a set period of time. Each problem is usually worth five points, with various markdowns and point deductions for imprecision or omissions. The player who scores the most points wins.

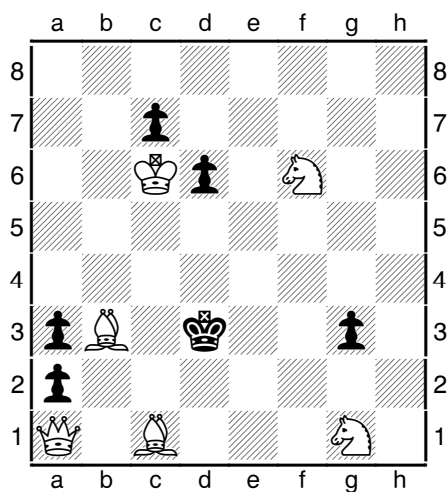
Joe Knapp was the top solver, taking home a commemorative plaque, and Brandon Li was the top junior. Because of the generosity of our sponsors – the American problem magazine StrateGems and the Dutch endgame study journal EG – there were also book prizes and sample issues of both periodicals. I can't thank Mike Prcic, editor of StrateGems, and Marcel van Herck, treasurer of ARVES, enough for their support. Those interested in subscribing to either publication are welcome to contact me for details.

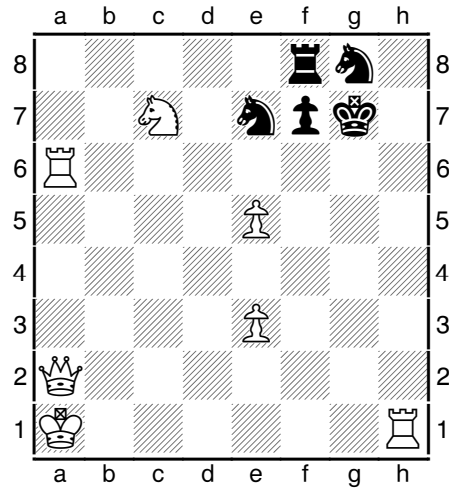
I offer readers of this edition of Hartmann's Corner the chance to test their solving chops. Here are the problems that were presented to the eleven solvers. Give yourself forty-five minutes and see how well you do. White is to move in all cases, and solutions appear at the end of this issue. **Please see page 50**



1. Mate in 2

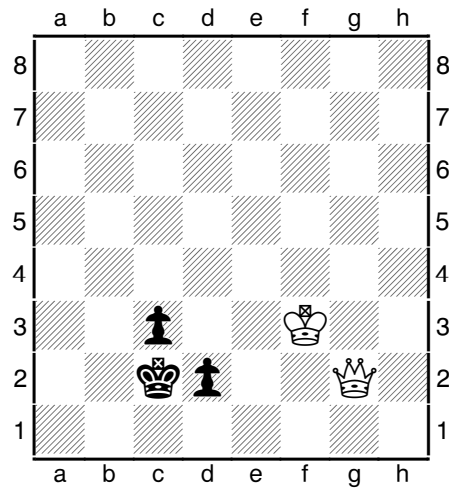
Provide key only- Applies to # 2 below also.





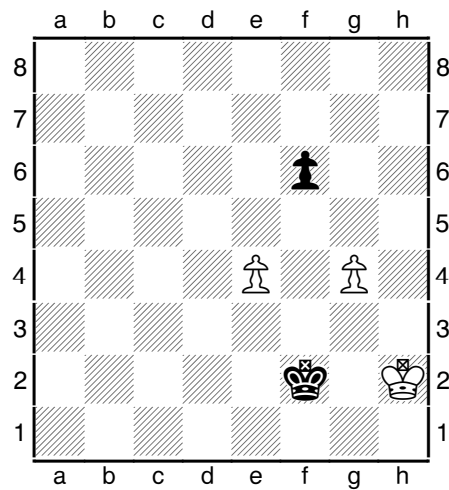
3. Mate in 3

Provide key, Black tries, and White's 2nd key move



4. White to play and win

Provide analysis to prove White win



5. White to play and win

Provide analysis to prove White win

**Problem solving contest
March 2013**



Brandon Li & John Hartmann



Brandon Li & Joe Knapp

Hartmann's Corner

Solutions to puzzles on pages 47 & 48

(1) Woodworth,B - #2 2007 [Hartmann]

1.Bb8 Kxb8 [1...Nxa5 2.Nc7#; 1...Nc5 2.Nc7#; 1...Nd4 2.Nc7#]
2.Qh8# 1-0

(2) Pervakov=O Rezvov=N Tkachenk - #2

(Original), 2001 [2001_POLTAVA-OPEN_01]

1.Ne4 Kxe4 [1...d5 2.Nc5#; 1...g2 2.Nf2#] **2.Bc2# 1-0**

(3) Nimzowitsch - #3 [Hartmann]

1.Rg6+!! fxc6 [1...Kxg6 2.Qg2+ Kf5 3.Rh5#; 1...Nxc6 2.Qxf7+ Rxf7
(2...Kxf7 3.Rh7#) 3.Ne6#] **2.Qf7+ Rxf7** self-block [2...Kxf7 3.Rh7#]
3.Ne6# 1-0

(4) George=A - (+1000.02f3c2)

EG, 2007 [Hartmann]

EG/7 EG#16311 **1.Qh2!** [1.Qe2? Kc1 2.Qe3 Kb2 3.Qb6+ Kc1 4.Qe3
Kb2; 1.Qg6+? Kc1 2.Qg5 Kb2 3.Qb5+ Kc1 4.Qg5 Kb2] **1...Kc1 2.Qf4!**
Kb2 3.Qb4+ Kc2 4.Qa4+! [4.Qa4+ Kb2 5.Ke2 c2 (5...Kc1 6.Qd1+ Kb2
7.Kd3+-; 5...Kb1 6.Kd1 Kb2 7.Qc2+ Ka3 8.Qxc3+) 6.Qb4+ Kc1
7.Qxd2+] **1-0**

(5) van der Heijden,Harold - (+0000.21h2f2)

Algemeen Dagblad, 2003

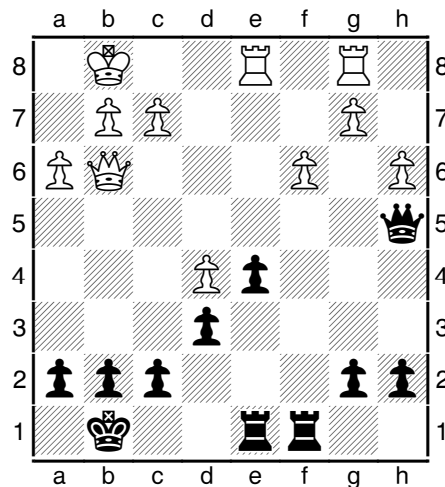
1.Kh1! [1.e5? fxe5 2.g5 e4 3.g6 e3 4.g7 e2 5.g8Q e1Q 6.Qg3+ Ke2!=;
1.g5? fxg5 2.Kh3 (2.e5 g4 3.e6 g3+ 4.Kh3 g2 5.e7 g1Q 6.Kh4 Qe1-+)
2...Kf3=; 1.Kh3? Kf3! 2.e5 fxe5 3.g5 e4 4.g6 e3 5.g7 e2 6.g8Q e1Q=]
1...Kf1 [1...Kf3 2.e5! (Not 2.g5? fxg5 3.Kg1 draw.(If 3.e5 still attempt-
ing to win 3...Kf2 and White gets mated.)) 2...fxe5 3.g5 e4 (3...Kf2 4.g6
e4 5.g7 e3 6.g8Q+-) 4.Kg1! e3 5.Kf1 e2+ 6.Ke1+-; 1...Ke3 2.e5 (2.g5?
fxg5 3.e5?? Kf2 4.e6 g4 5.e7 g3 6.e8Q g2+ 7.Kh2 g1Q+ 8.Kh3 Qg3#)
2...fxe5 3.g5 e4 4.g6+-; 1...Kg3 2.e5 fxe5 3.g5+-] **2.e5! fxe5 3.g5 e4**
4.g6 e3 5.g7 e2 6.g8Q e1Q 7.Qg2# 1-0

OUR CHESS PIECES NEED TO BE ACTIVE IN OUR GAMES

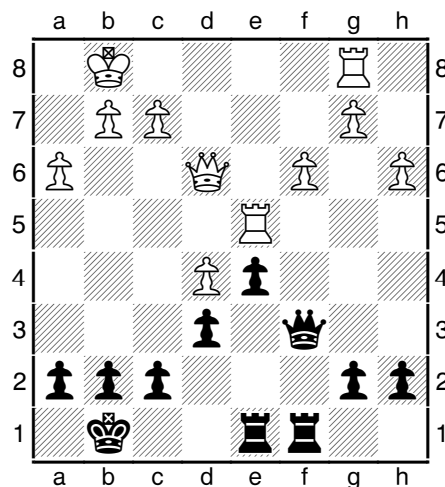
By **Robert Woodworth**

Your writer has been playing the game of chess for 60 years but every so often I am reminded of a chess concept which I've been very prone to ignore or forget! Recently in a Rd.#2 game at the 2013 Midwest Open, I failed to keep the maxim of making one's pieces more active. I desperately searched for a good move in a very even game position and ignored the strategic idea of making my Queen more active. (My conservative style also does not help me and especially in the area of activating one's chess pieces.)

Below is the game position after Black's (your writer) **26.Qa4** (trying to activate my Queen)



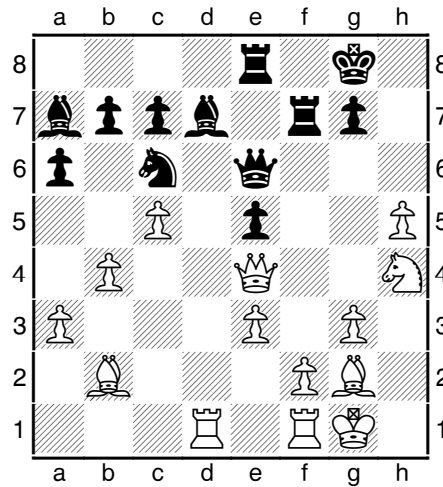
Play then proceeded as follows: **27.Qe3 27..a6, 28.Rd4 28..Qc6??**



Instead of 28.Qc6? here, the best move was 28.Qc2! This move gains a tempo, puts pressure on the b2 pawn, connects the queen with Black's king-side and most importantly keeps the Black Queen as an active piece! Now White generates great pressure on Black's King-side while the Black Queen is merely a spectator!

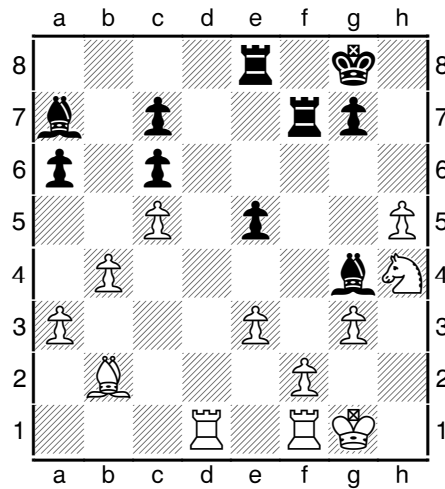
The game ended thusly: **29.Rg4 29.Kh8, 30.Qg5 30.Rg8, 31.Rh4 31.g6, 32.Rd1 32.Rg7, 33.Rdd4 33.Qb6 34. Rb4 34.Qc7 35.Rh6 35.b5**, and White offered a draw here which was immediately accepted.

The next example is from a correspondence game played recently. In the following diagram, it is Black to play. (Your writer was playing the White-side.)



Black played **24.Qg4** (probably not the best here to allow a queen trade) **25.Qxg4 25.Bxg4, 26.Bxc6 26.bxc6** (notice here that this recapture blockades & entombs

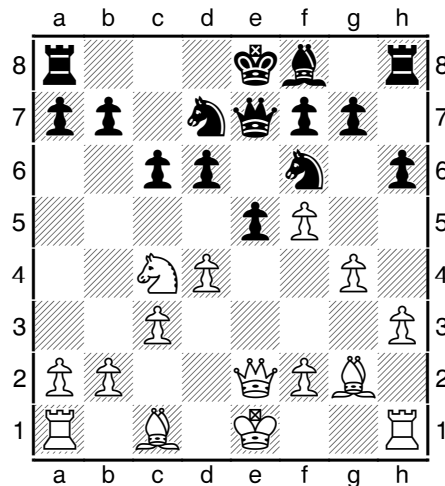
the black-squared bishop literally forever!). Also, the queen trade took the white-squared Black Bishop away from guarding the Black Knight allowing the Black pawns to be doubled & trapping the Black Bishop. (Please see the following diagram on the next page.)



This position is a good example of making a piece inactive (not by it's own movement) but by the movement of the forces around it. Here, White had an easy positional win since Black was actually playing with a piece down!!

This reminds your writer of the chess saying “the Black Bishop now is merely a ‘TALL PAWN’”.

The final example is from a game played about 8 years ago at our chess club here In Omaha. Your writer had the White forces in the following position with Black to make his 13th move.



Black played **13.e4??** His position is quite congested in the center. He is behind in his development and controls less space than White. Now the White forces become very active with **14.Bf4 14.d5, 15.Nd6+ 15.Kd8, 16.Nxb7+**

16.Kc8, 17.Qa6 17..Nb8, 18.Nd6++ 18.Kd8, 19.Qc8 mate.

So, it is also important not to allow ones own forces become inactive but also not to let the forces of one's opponent become very active. Keeping one's pieces active gives good prospects and leads to promising positions!!

In conclusion, the chess pieces can become inactive in many, many ways i.e.

1. Being moved to ineffective, bad squares.
2. Not being developed rapidly in the opening phase of a game.
3. Blocked or blockaded by one's own forces.
4. Becoming 'pinned' or forced into a defensive role by enemy forces.
5. A player's piece being ignored and not actually involved in the game.

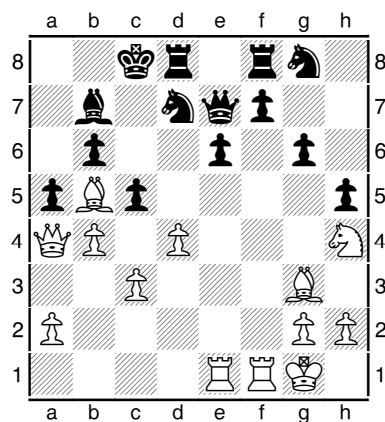
Robert Woodworth
March, 2013
Omaha, Nebraska

Games Galore

(27) Stepp, John (1753) - Wan, Joseph (1863) [C01]

Central High Open (3), 17.11.2012

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Be3 dxe4 4.Nd2 Nf6 5.f3 exf3 6.Ngxf3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c5 8.c3 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.Rae1 Be7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Bd6 14.Nc4 Rf8 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Bg3 Qe7 17.Nh4 Ng8 18.Qf2 g6 19.Qc2 Qg5 20.Qf2 h5 21.Bb5 0-0-0 22.Qc2 Qe7 23.Qa4 a5 24.b4



Position after b4!

Nb8 25.bxc5 bxc5 26.Qxa5 Rd5 27.Qa7 Nc6 28.Bxc6 Bxc6 29.Qb8+ 1-0

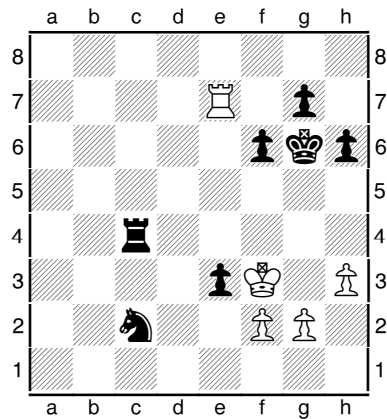
(1) Dutiel, Tony (1840) - Sparks, David (1266) [C53]

Central High Open (1), 17.11.2012

[Dutiel]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 d6 5.d4 Bb6 6.h3 [6.dxe5 Qe7 7.exd6 Qxe4+ 8.Qe2 Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2 cxd6] 6...Nf6 7.0-0 [7.d5 Ne7 8.Bd3] 7...0-0 [7...Nxe4 8.Bd5 Bf5 9.Re1 Nf6 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Nbd2 e4 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Rxe4 Rae8 17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Qd7] 8.Re1 h6 [8...exd4 9.cxd4 Nxe4 10.Rxe4 d5 11.Bxd5 Qxd5 12.Nc3 Qd8 13.d5 Bf5 14.Re2] 9.a4 a5 [9...exd4 10.cxd4 Nxe4 11.Bd5 Nxf2 12.Kxf2 Nxd4 13.Be3 (13.Nxd4 Qf6+ 14.Kg1 Bxd4+ 15.Kh1) 13...Nxf3 14.Bxf3 c6] 10.Na3 Re8 [10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Rxe4 d5 13.Re1 dxc4 14.Be3 Be6 15.Rc1 Re8 16.Nxc4] 11.Qb3 Qe7 12.d5 Nb8 13.Bb5 This just helps black get developed. My reasoning for the move was to keep the knight off the d7 square. But, in reality, it can just as easily get to c5 via a6. So, I am giving him a tempo. 13...Bd7 14.Bd3 [14.Bf1 Na6 15.Nc4 Nc5 16.Qc2 Ba7 17.b3 (17.b4 axb4 18.cxb4 Bxa4 19.Rxa4 Nxa4 20.Qxa4 Bxf2+) 17...c6=] 14...Na6 15.Nc4 [15.Qd1 c6 16.Nc4 Bc7 17.Bc2 Nc5 18.b4 axb4 19.cxb4 cxd5 20.exd5 Nxa4 21.Bxa4 (21.Rxa4 Bxa4 22.Bxa4 Rec8?)] 15...Nc5 16.Qd1 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Bc5 18.Bd2 [18.b3 b5 19.Ne3 bxa4 20.bxa4 c6 21.c4] 18...b5 19.axb5 Bxb5 20.b4

Bb6 21.Be3? [21.bxa5 Bxa5 22.Nh4 Qd7 23.Nf5 Bb6 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Qg3 Bxf2+ 26.Qxf2 Bxc4 27.Nxh6+ Kh8 28.Nf5²] **21...a4 22.Bxb6?** Losing move. White cannot stop the loss of the knight once the c file is opened. I had to break the pin with either Nfd2 or the Nh4-f5-e3 idea. **22...cxb6 23.Nfd2** [23.Nh4 Qc7 24.Nf5 Bxc4 25.Qg3 Nh5 26.Qg4 g6 27.Nxh6+ Kh7 28.Nf5 Rh8] **23...Rec8 24.Ra3 Qc7 25.Rea1 Bxc4 26.Nxc4 Qxc4 27.Qxc4 Rxc4 28.Rxa4 Rxa4 29.Rxa4 Nxe4 30.Ra8+ Kh7 31.Rb8 Nxc3 32.Rxb6 Nxd5 33.Rxd6 Nxb4 34.Rd7 Kg6 35.Kh2 e4 36.Kg3 f6 37.Kf4 Nc2 38.Re7 e3+ 39.Kf3**



Position after 39 Kf3

exf2? [39...Rf4+! 40.Ke2 (40.Kxf4 exf2 41.Kg3 f1Q) 40...Rxf2+ 41.Kd3 Rd2+ 42.Kc3 Rxc2] **40.Kxf2 Rc5 41.g4 Rc3 42.h4 Nd4 43.h5+ Kg5** [43...Kh7 44.Re4] **44.Rxg7+ Kh4 45.Rg6 Rf3+ 46.Ke1 Rf4** [46...f5 47.Rd6 Rd3 48.Rxh6 fxg4 49.Rh8 g3—] **47.Rxh6 Rxg4** [47...Kxg4 Is still winning.] **48.Rxf6** Now that I got all his pawns off the board, I offered a draw which he accepted. A strong computer can win this position, but a 1200 would be hard pressed to do it under 50 moves. I can admit that I would not be able to win it myself without help from my opponent. ½–½

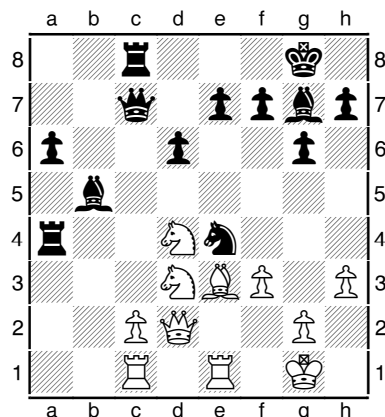
(2) Hunter,Warren (720) - Benetz,Tony (1299) [C00]
Central High Open (1), 17.11.2012

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.d4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Be7 8.Nf3 0–0 9.Be2 Bg4 10.0–0 Nd7 11.a4 Nf6 12.Qd3 Nd5 13.Bb2 Nf4 14.Qd2 Bd6 15.Qc2 Nxe2+ 16.Qxe2 Re8 17.Qd3 Qf6 18.Ba3 Bxa3 19.Rxa3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Qxf3 21.gxf3 Rad8 22.Raa1 Re2 23.Rad1 Ra2 24.Ra1 Re2 25.Rab1 b6 26.Rfe1 Rde8 27.Kf1 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 29.Kxe1 Kf8 30.Ke2 Ke7 31.Ke3 c5 32.dxc5 bxc5 0–1

(5) Nguyen,Don (1196) - Given,Douglas (1776) [B72]

Central High Open (1), 17.11.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.h3
Nc6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Re1 Rc8 11.Bb3 a6 12.a3 Ne5 13.Qe2 b5 14.Rac1 Nc4
15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.a4 Qc8 17.Qd3 bxa4 18.f3 a3 19.Nd1 axb2 20.Nxb2 Rc3
21.Qd2 Qc7 22.Ne2 Ra3 23.Nd3 Rc8 24.Qb4 Ra4 25.Qd2 Bb5 26.Nd4 Nxe4



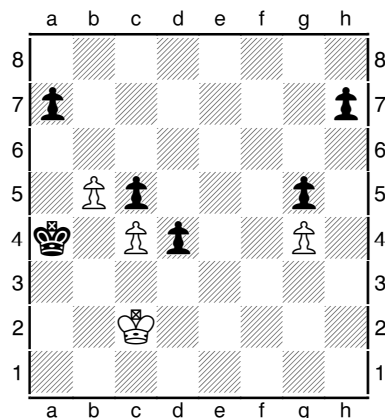
Position after 26..Nxe4!

27.Nxb5 axb5 28.fxe4 Bc3 29.Qe2 Bxe1 30.Qxe1 Rxe4 31.Qd2 Rc4 32.Nb4
Qa5 33.Nd5 Qxd2 34.Bxd2 R8c5 35.Ne3 Rd4 36.Be1 b4 37.c3 bxc3 38.Bxc3
Rd3 39.Nd1 d5 40.Rb1 d4 41.Be1 Rc2 42.Nf2 Re3 43.Kf1 d3 44.Rb3 e5
45.Nxd3 e4 46.Rb8+ Kg7 47.Nf2 Rc1 48.Ng4 Rxe1+ 49.Kf2 Rf1+ 0-1

(9) Siverling,Kevin (1205) - Wan,Joseph (1863) [C00]

Central High Open (1), 17.11.2012

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 Bb4 5.exd5 exd5 6.d4 Ne4 7.Bd2 Nxd2
8.Qxd2 Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.a3 Bd6 13.Ne2 Nd7
14.Ng3 Qf6 15.Qf5 Bxg3 16.Qxf6 Bxh2+ 17.Nxh2 Nxf6 18.Nf3 Rfe8
19.Rfe1 Kf8 20.Ne5 Re6 21.Nd3 Rae8 22.Rxe6 Rxe6 23.Re1 Rxe1+ 24.Nxe1
Ke7 25.f3 Kd6 26.Nd3 Nd7 27.Kf2 b6 28.Ke3 c5 29.dxc5+ bxc5 30.c3 Ne5
31.Nxe5 Kxe5 32.g3 g5 33.g4 f5 34.b4 fxg4 35.fxg4 Kd6 36.b5 Kc7 37.a4
Kb6 38.Kd3 Ka5 39.c4 d4 40.Kc2 Kxa4 0-1



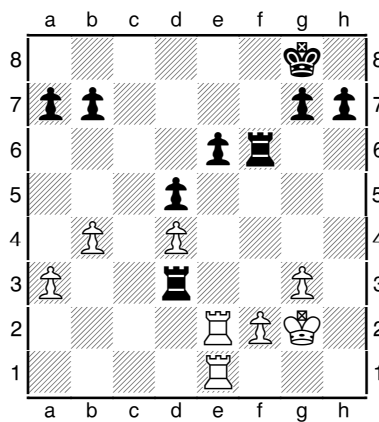
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(11) Benetz,Tony (1299) - Dutiel,Tony (1840) [D00]

Central High Open (2), 17.11.2012

[Dutiel]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Bf5 3.Nf3 e6 4.Bf4 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a3 Nh5 10.Ne2 Nxf4 11.Nxf4 cxd4 12.exd4 Qc7 13.Qd2 0-0 14.g3 Bd6 15.Ng2 Na5 16.b3 [16.Ne3 Rac8 17.Rfe1] 16...Rac8 17.Ne3 f5?! [17...Qc3 18.Rfe1 Rc7 19.b4 Qxd2 20.Nxd2 Nc6 21.Nb3 Rfc8] 18.b4 Nc4 19.Nxc4 Qxc4 20.Rfe1 f4 21.Ne5 [21.Rxe6 fxg3 22.Rxd6 Rxf3 23.fxg3 Rcf8 (23...Qxc2 24.Rd8+ Rf8 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8 26.Rf1+ Kg8 27.Qxc2 Rxc2 28.Rf5 Ra2 29.Rxd5 Rxa3 30.Rd8+ Kf7 31.Rd7+ Kf6 32.Rxb7)] 21...Bxe5 22.Rxe5 fxg3 23.hxg3 Qxc2 24.Re2 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 Rc3 26.Re2 Rf6 27.Kg2 Rd3 28.Rae1?



Position after 28 Rael?

28. Rc1 was gives white the best drawing chances as black can't cover all of his weaknesses. [28.Rc1 g6] **28...Kf7** It is better to swap a Rook and pawn here since my remaining Rook will be more active then his. **29.Re3** It's not too late for Rc1 **29...Rxd4 30.Rf3 Rxf3 31.Kxf3 Rd3+ 32.Re3 Rxe3+ 33.Kxe3 e5 34.f3 h5 35.a4 g5 36.b5 h4 0-1**

(12) Carini,Joshua (1314) - Li,Brandon (1777) [D32]

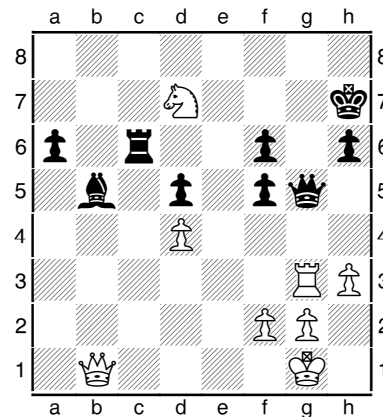
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(14) Koeppe, Ian - Stepp, John (1753) [A80]

Central High Open (2), 17.11.2012

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.Bc4 d5 6.Bb3 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.c4 Na6
9.a3 Nc7 10.Nc3 a6 11.Ne2 b5 12.cxb5 cxb5 13.Nf4 Nce8 14.Rc1 Nd6
15.Bc2 Nc4 16.Ra1 Nxb2 17.Qe2 Nc4 18.Rfb1 Nxa3 19.Rb3 Nxc2 20.Qxc2
Bd7 21.Ne5 Rc8 22.Rc3 Rxc3 23.Qxc3 b4 24.Qb3 Bc8 25.Nc6 Qd6
26.Nxe7+ Qxe7 27.Nd3 h6 28.Bxf6 gxf6 29.Nxb4 Qc7 30.Qd1 Qb6 31.Nd3
Bd7 32.Nc5 Bb5 33.Rb1 Qd6 34.Qb3 Kh7 35.Ra1 Rc8 36.Qa2 Bc4 37.Qa4
Bb5 38.Qa2 Rc6 39.Nb7 Qc7 40.Nc5 Kg6 41.Qb3 Bc4 42.Qc3 e5 43.Ra4
Bb5 44.Ra3 exd4 45.exd4 Qe7 46.h3 Qe2 47.Qc1 Kh7 48.Qb1 Qh5 49.Nd7
Qg5 50.Rg3 Please see diagram below.

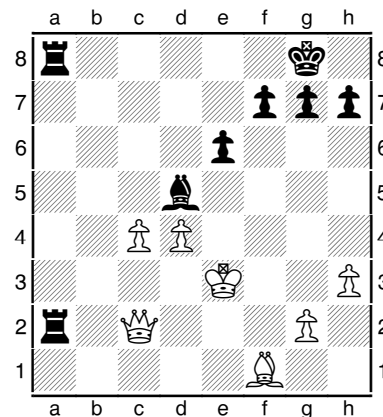


Rc1+ 51.Kh2 Qxg3+ 52.Kxg3 0-1

(15) McFayden, Alexander (1152) - Siverling, Kevin (1205) [D15]

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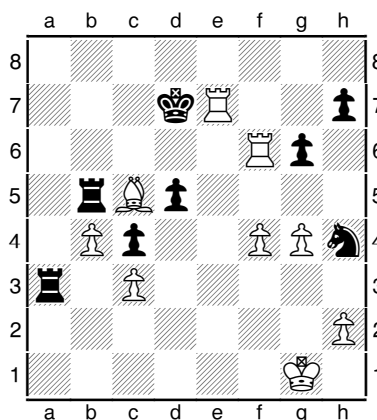
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Qg5 15.Bf1 0-0 16.Qc2 Rc8 17.Nxb5 Nd7 18.Nd6 Rd8 19.Rac1 Nf6 20.Nc4
Be4 21.Qa4 Bd5 22.f3 Bxf3 23.Ne5 Bd5 24.Nxc6 Re8 25.Nxa7 Ne4 26.Re2
Ng3 27.Rf2 Qxe3 28.Rc3 Qxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Ne4+ 30.Ke3 Nxc3 31.bxc3 Re7
32.c4 Rxa7 33.Qc2 Rxa2 0-1 Final Position below.



(20) Carini,Joshua (1314) - Sparks,David (1266) [C47]

Central High Open (3), 17.11.2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nxe5 Nxe5 5.d4 Ng6 6.e5 Ng8 7.Bc4 d6
8.Qf3 Be6 9.d5 Nxe5 10.Qe2 Nxc4 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.Qxc4 d5 13.Qb5+ Qd7
14.Qxb7 Rd8 15.Qxa7 c5 16.Qxd7+ Rxd7 17.Bf4 Ne7 18.0-0 Ng6 19.Bg3
Be7 20.Rfe1 Kf7 21.a4 Rb7 22.b3 Bf6 23.Nb5 Ke7 24.Rad1 Kd7 25.f4
Ne7 26.Re2 Rc8 27.c3 g6 28.Bf2 c4 29.b4 Ra8 30.Rde1 Rxa4 31.Rxe6
Rxb5 32.Rxf6 Nf5 33.Bc5 Ra3 34.g4 Nh4 35.Re7+ 1-0 Final Position
below



(26) Siverling, Kevin (1205) - Koeppe, Ian [C50]

Central High Open (3), 17.11.2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 h6 6.Qe2 d6 7.Be3 Bxe3
8.Qxe3 Nb4 9.Qd2 Bg4 10.Na4 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nc6 12.f4 Nd4 13.0-0-0 Qd7
14.Nc3 b5 15.Bb3 Nxb3+ 16.axb3 b4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 a5 19.Rde1 0
-0 20.d4 exf4 21.Qxf4 a4 22.Qg3 axb3 23.Qxb3 Qf5 24.f3 Ra1+
[24...Qf4+ 25.Kb1 Qxd4] 25.Kd2 Qf4+ 26.Qe3 Qxe3+ [26...Rxe1 27.Qxf4
Rxb1] 27.Kxe3 Re8+ 28.Kd2 Rexe1 29.Rxe1 Ra2 30.b3 f5 31.Re7 Ra7
32.Kd3 Kf8 33.Rd7 h5 34.Rd8+ Ke7 35.Rb8 Ra1 36.Rh8 Rf1 37.Ke2 Rc1
38.Kd2 Rf1 39.Ke2 ½-½

(33) Samiev, Temur (1329) - Selvaraj, Jason (1303) [C50]

Central High Open (4), 17.11.2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 h6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 0-0 8.Be3
Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.exd5 Qf6 11.Nd2 Qg6 12.Kh2 Kh8 13.Nb3 Nxb3
14.Bxb3 Bd7 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Qf3 Qf5 17.Qe4 Qh7 18.Qxe5 Rac8 19.d6
Qf5 20.Qxf5 Bxf5 21.dxc7 Rxc7 22.Rfe1 Kg8 23.g4 Bg6 24.Re2 Rd7
25.Rae1 b5 26.f4 a5 27.a3 Rc7 28.Re7 Rfc8 29.Re8+ Rxe8 30.Rxe8+ Kh7
31.f5 f6 32.Bg8+ Kh8 33.fxg6 1-0

(1) Baumgartner,Chris (1864) - Samiev,Temur (1309) [C56]

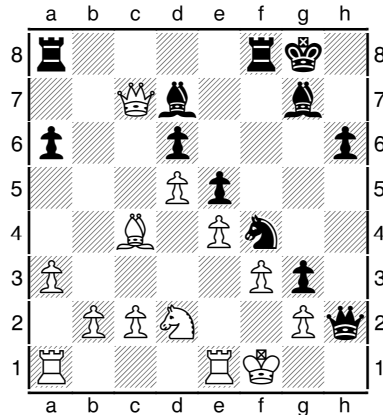
Midwest Open Omaha (1), 09.03.2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.c3 d6 7.cxd4 Bb6 8.h3 h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bb3 Re8 11.Re1 Ba5 12.Bc2 a6 13.Bd2 b5 14.e5 dxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Be4 Bb7 17.Bd5 Nb6 18.Be4 Nc4 19.Rc1 N4xe5 20.Nxe5 Rxe5 21.a3 Re6 22.b4 Bb6 23.Nd5 Rxe4 24.Rxe4 Qxd5 25.Qe2 Ne5 26.Bf4 Re8 27.Qe3 Bxe3 0-1

(2) Chavez,Christopher (1099) - Raines,David (1700) [B06]

Midwest Open Omaha (1), 09.03.2013

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nc3 a6 5.Bc4 d6 6.h3 e5 7.d5 Nce7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 0-0 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nd2 Bg7 13.a3 g5 14.Qh5 Ng6 15.Ne2 Bd7 16.Ng3 Nf4 17.Qf3 f5 18.Nh5 g4 19.hxg4 fxg4 20.Qb3 Nxb5 21.Qxb7 g3 22.f3 Qh4 23.Qxc7 Qh2+ 24.Kf1 Nf4 0-1 Final Position below



(3) Costello,James (442) - Sayler,Dave (1592) [A03]

Midwest Open Omaha (1), 09.03.2013

1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 g6 4.b3 Bg7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.d4 Ne4 8.0-0 Ndf6 9.c4 c5 10.Ne5 dxc4 11.bxc4 cxd4 12.Bxd4 Qc7 13.g4 b6 14.g5 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Bxg7 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 Kxg7 18.Bf3 Bf5 19.Rd4 Rad8 20.Rxe4 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Rd1+ 22.Kf2 Rc8 23.Ke2 Rc1 24.Bd3 Rd8 25.a4 Rh1 26.Ra3 Rxh2+ 27.Kf3 Rb2 28.Ke4 Rxd3 29.Rxd3 Rxb1 30.Rd7 Rb4 31.Rxa7 Rxc4+ 32.Kd5 Rc5+ 33.Kd4 e6 34.Ra6 Rd5+ 35.Ke4 b5 36.axb5 Rxb5 37.Ra7 Rd5 38.Rb7 Rd1 39.Ra7 Rh1 40.Rb7 h6 41.gxh6+ Rxh6 42.Re7 Kf6 43.Ra7 Rh5 44.Ra6 Rd5 45.Rc6 Ke7 46.Rc7+ Rd7 47.Rxd7+ Kxd7 48.Ke5 Ke7 49.e4 f6+ 50.Kd4 Kd6 51.e5+ fxe5+ 52.fxe5+ Kc6 53.Ke4 Kc5 54.Kf4 Kd5 55.Kg5 Kxe5 56.Kxg6 Kf4 0-1

(4) Erickson,Alek (1546) - Knapp,Joseph (2051) [A37]

Midwest Open Omaha (1), 09.03.2013

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e5 6.0-0 Nge7 7.Ne4 d6 8.d3 0-0 9.Rb1 f5 10.Neg5 h6 11.Nh3 Be6 12.Kh1 Qd7 13.e3 e4 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.dxe4 fxe4 16.Nf4 Bg4 17.Qc2 g5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Be2 20.Nxe4 Bd3 0-1

(5) Forsman,Chad (1699) - Reigenborn,Jonathan (819) [C42]

Midwest Open Omaha (1), 09.03.2013

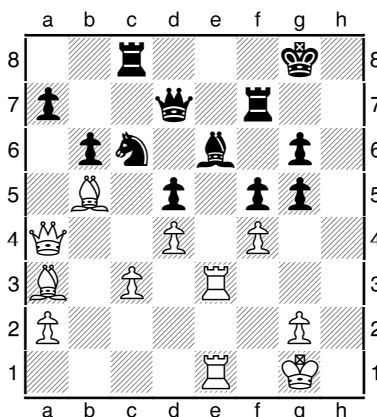
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15.Qd2 f5 16.Qg5 fxg4 17.hxg4 Nd4 18.Bxd4 exd4 19.Nh4 Qb4 20.Re5 Rxe5
21.Qxe5 Re8 22.Qd5+ Bf7 23.Qxd4 Re1+ 24.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 25.Kg2 Be6
26.Qd8+ Kf7 27.Qxc7+ Kf6 28.Qf4+ Ke7 29.Nf5+ Bxf5 30.Qxf5 h6 31.Qe4+
Qxe4+ 32.dxe4 Ke6 33.f4 g6 34.Kf3 Kf6 35.Kg3 g5 36.Kf3 Ke6 37.c5 gxf4
38.Kxf4 Kf6 39.a4 Ke6 40.e5 a6 41.a5 Kd5 42.Kf5 Kc6 43.Ke6 Kc7 44.Ke7
Kc8 45.e6 1-0

(6) Hartmann,John (1785) - Retineni,Vikas (1207) [C01]

Midwest Open Omaha (1), 09.03.2013

[Hartmann]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd3 Be6 7.c5 [7.exd5 Nxd5
8.Nge2 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Be3=] 7...Nc6 8.Nge2 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3
Qd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.f4? [11.Bg5] 11...Ne4 12.Ng3 f5 13.Qc2 Nxd3 14.hxd3
Rae8 15.Rb1 b6 16.cxb6 cxb6 17.g4 g6 18.Ba3 Rf7 19.g5 Na5 20.Bb5 Nc6
21.Qa4 Rc8 22.Rfe1 h6 23.Re3 hxg5 24.Rbe1 [24.Rbe1 gxf4 (24...Rf6 25.fxg5
f4 26.Re5) 25.Rxe6] 1-0 Final Position below.



(7) Hezel,Mitch (1449) - Dutiel,Tony (1837) [D08]

Midwest Open Omaha (1), 09.03.2013

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.e4 Nge7 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ng6
9.Bd3 Bg7 10.Qb3 h5 11.h3 Rb8 12.h4 g4 13.Ng5 Ngxe5 14.f4 Nxd3+
15.Qxd3 f6 16.e5 fxg5 17.Qg6+ Kf8 18.fxg5 Qe7 19.0-0+ Kg8 20.Nd2 Be6
21.Ne4 Bf7 22.Rxf7 Qxf7 23.Nf6+ Kf8 24.Nh7+ Ke7 25.Qe4 Qxc4 26.Nf6
Rbd8 27.Qg6 Qf7 28.Qc2 Bxf6 29.exf6+ Kd7 30.Qf5+ Qe6 31.Qd3 Qe3+
32.Qxe3 dxe3 33.Rd1+ Ke6 34.Re1 Rd3 35.Bf4 Kf7 36.Bxc7 Re8 0-1

(8) Jacobs,Steve (1575) - Mullen,Nick [D03]

Midwest Open Omaha (1), 09.03.2013

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.Nbd2 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0-0 b6 8.c3
c5 9.Re1 Bb7 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Ne5 Bd6 12.f4 Rc8 13.Qf3 cxd4 14.exd4 Re8
15.Qh3 Bxe5 16.fxe5 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Qd5 20.Rh4
h6 21.Qg4 Kf8 22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 b5 24.h3 a5 25.Re2 Rc4 26.Kf2 Ke7
27.Rd1 Rd8 28.Red2 f6 29.exf6+ Kxf6 30.Rd3 b4 31.Rf3+ Ke7 32.Kg3 bxc3
33.bxc3 Ra4 34.Ra1 Rc8 35.Kf4 Rac4 36.Rb1 Rxc3 37.Rb7+ R8c7 38.Rxc3
Rxb7 39.h4 a4 40.Rc4 Ra7 41.Ke5 Ra5+ 42.Rc5 Rxc5+ [42...Ra7=] 43.dxc5
Kd7 44.h5 Kc6 45.Kxe6 Kxc5 46.Kf7 Kb4 47.Kxg7 Ka3 48.Kxh6 Kxa2
49.Kg6 Kb2 50.h6 a3 51.h7 a2 52.h8Q+ Kb1 53.Kf7 a1Q 54.Qxa1+ Kxa1
55.g4 1-0

(10) Koeppe,Ian (1502) - Linscott,John (1921) [E20]

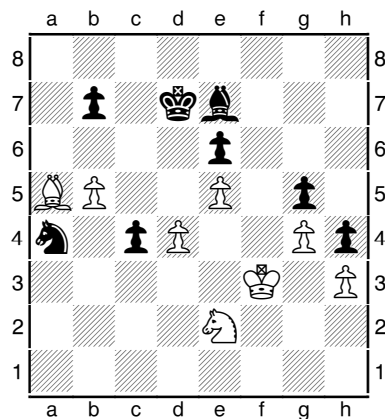
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cxd4 9.exd4 a6 10.Rd1 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 h6 12.Bh4 Bd7 13.Ne5 Rc8 14.Nxd7
Qxd7 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Kg7 17.Qe3 e5 18.Qg3+ Kh7 19.Bd3+ e4 20.Bc2
Rg8 21.Qf3 f5 22.Qh3 Rg5 23.0-0 Rcg8 24.g3 Ne7 25.cxd5 Nxd5 26.Bxe4
Nf4 27.Qh4 Rg4 28.Qf6 fxe4 29.f3 Ne2+ 30.Kf2 R4g6 31.Qe5 Re8 32.Qa5
exf3 33.Rd3 Qh3 34.Rxf3 Qxh2+ 35.Ke1 Nxd4+ 36.Kd1 Qc2# 0-1

(19) Wan,Joseph (1865) - Carini,Joshua (1423) [C06]

Midwest Open Omaha (1), 09.03.2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4
f5 9.Nf3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 Bd7 12.Nh2 Qb6 13.Bc2 g5 14.Rb1 Nb4
15.Bb3 Bb5 16.Ba4 0-0-0 17.Bxb5 Qxb5 18.Nc3 Qb6 19.b3 Nc6 20.Ne2
Kb8 21.Bb2 h5 22.Kh1 Ng6 23.g3 Rc8 24.f3 Rhf8 25.Bc1 h4 26.g4 fxg4
27.Nxg4 Rf5 28.a3 Na5 29.Qd3 Nc6 30.b4 Nd8 31.Be3 Nf7 32.Bg1 Nh6
33.Bh2 Nxg4 34.fxg4 Rxf1+ 35.Rxf1 Rf8 36.Rxf8+ Nxf8 37.Kg2 a5 38.b5
Qc7 39.Bg1 Qc4 40.Qxc4 dxc4 41.a4 Nd7 42.Be3 Nb6 43.Bd2 Nxa4
44.Bxa5 Kc8 45.Kf3 Kd7 plus moves 1-0



Position after 45...Kd7

(20) Woodworth,Robert (1757) - Jaddu,Abhinav (964) [C50]

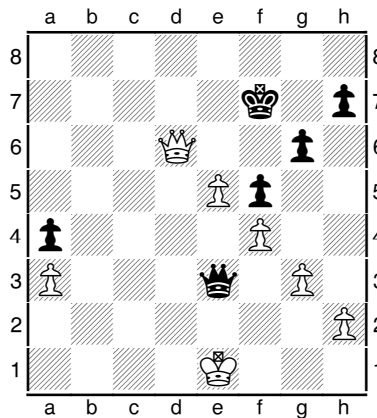
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(23) Carini,Joshua (1423) - Chavez,Christopher (1099) [A25]

Midwest Open Omaha (2), 09.03.2013

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nf3 d6 6.e3 Nf6 7.d4 e4 8.Nd2 Bf5 9.Ndxe4 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qe7 11.Nc3 0-0 [11...Nxd4] 12.0-0 Qd7 13.Nd5 Rac8 14.Qb3 Na5 15.Qc3 b6 16.b4 c6 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.bxa5 bxa5 19.e4 Bh3 20.Be3 Rfe8 21.Qd3 c5 22.Bxh3 Qxh3 23.Rab1 cxd4 24.Bxd4 Bxd4 25.Qxd4 Re5 26.f4 Rh5 27.Rf2 Rhc5 28.Qxd6 Rxc4 29.Qd3 Rc1+ 30.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 31.Rf1 Rxf1+ 32.Qxf1 Qe6 33.Qe2 f5 34.e5 a4 35.a3 Kf8 36.Qb5 Qb3 37.Qc5+ Kf7 38.Qd6 Qe3+ 39.Kf1 Qf3+ 40.Ke1 Qe3+



Position after 40 ...Qe3 +

[40...Qh1+ 41.Kf2 (41.Kd2 Qxh2+ 42.Kd1 Qg1+ 43.Kc2 Qf2+=) 41...Qxh2+ 42.Kf3 Qh1+ 43.Ke3 Qe4+=] 41.Kd1 Qb3+ 42.Kd2 Qb2+ 43.Ke3 Qc1+ 44.Kd4 Qb2+ 45.Kd5 Qb5+ 46.Qc5 Qb7+ 47.Kd6 Qe7+ 48.Kd5 Qe6+ 49.Kd4 Qd7+ 50.Qd5+ Qe6 51.Qxe6+ Kxe6 52.Kc4 1-0

(25) Gaul,Thomas (1903) - Forsman,Chad (1699) [C55]

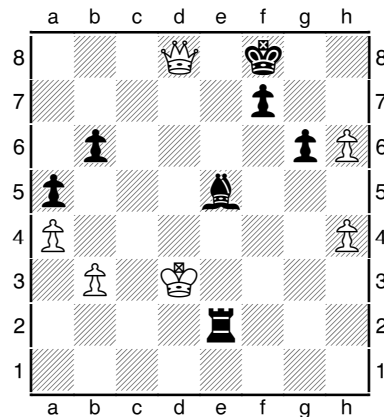
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(26) Given,David (1255) - Erickson,Alek (1546) [D11]

Midwest Open Omaha (2), 09.03.2013

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.Ne5 Be6 10.e3 g6 11.Bc4 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Qg5 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Ne4 Qd5 15.Ned2 Nd7 16.Qb3 b6 17.Nf3 0-0 18.Rac1 c5 19.Rfd1 cxd4 20.exd4 Rac8 21.Qd3 Rfd8 22.b3 Nc5 23.Qe2 Ne6 24.Ne3 Nxd4 25.Nxd4 Rxc1 26.Nxd5 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Rxd5 28.g3 Bxd4 29.Kg2 e6 30.Qc2 Bc5 31.Qe2 a5 32.h4 Bb4 33.Qa6 Rd2 34.a4 Bc5 35.g4 Rxf2+ 36.Kg3 Kg7 37.Qc4 Rd2 38.g5 Rd4 39.Qe2 Rd5 40.Qb2+ e5 41.Qe2 Bd6 42.Kh3 h6 43.Qf3 Rd4 44.Qf6+ Kf8 45.gxh6 Rd3+ 46.Kg2 Rd2+ 47.Kf3 e4+ 48.Kxe4 Re2+ 49.Kd3 Be5 50.Qd8# 1-0 Final Position below.



(27) Given,Douglas (1757) - O'Connor,Tom (1920) [B33]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 e5 6.Nf5 d5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Qxd5 Bxf5 10.exf5 Qh4+ 11.g3 Qb4+ 12.Kf2 Bc5+ 13.Kg2 Rd8 14.Qb3 0-0 15.Bd3 Qd4 16.Rf1 Qe3 17.Nc3 Nd4 18.Qxb7 Nxc2 19.Bxc2 Rd2+ 20.Kh1 Rxc2 21.Rae1 Qd2 22.Re2 Qd3 23.Qe4 Qxe4 24.fxe4 Rxe2 25.Nxe2 Rd8 26.Nc3 Rd2 27.Rb1 a6 28.a3 Bd4 29.a4 Kf8 30.a5 Bxc3 31.bxc3 Ra2 32.Rb8+ 1/2-1/2

(28) Knapp,Joseph (2051) - Hartmann,John (1785) [D40]

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[Hartmann]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.a3 a6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.b4 Ba7 9.Bb2 0-0 [9...d4?!] 10.Bd3 d4?! [10...Qe7 11.0-0 Rd8?; 10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 b5 12.Bd3 Bb7=] 11.exd4 Nxd4 12.c5 e5 13.Nxe5 Re8? [13...Bb8 14.f4 (14.Nc4 Re8+ 15.Ne2 Nxe2 16.Bxe2 Qe7 17.Ne3 Bf4 18.Qd4 Bxe3 19.fxe3 Qxe3 20.Qxe3 Rxe3 21.Kf2 Re6?) 14...Bxe5 15.fxe5 Ng4] 14.Ne2 Rxe5 15.Bxd4 Rd5 [15...Rg5 16.Be3 (16.0-0 Bh3 17.Ng3 Bg4 18.Bxf6 Qxf6) 16...Rd5 17.Nd4; 15...Re8] 16.Bc4 Bf5 17.Bxd5 Nxd5 [17...Qxd5 18.Bxf6 Qxg2? 19.Rg1+-] 18.Bb2 Qg5 [18...Qd7 19.Qd4 f6 20.0-0-0 Rd8 21.Nc3+-] 19.Qxd5 Rd8 20.h4! [20.f4 Qh4+ 21.g3] 1-0

(29) Linscott,John (1921) - Li,Brandon (1760) [C10]

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.Qe2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.c3 0-0 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Bxe5 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Qxe5 Qd5 15.Qxd5 Bxd5 16.b3 b5 17.Be3 a6 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.Rd2 Bc6 20.Rad1 Rd5 21.Rxd5 Bxd5 22.Rd2 Kg6 23.f3 Rc8 24.Bc5 Kf5 25.Kf2 Rh8 26.h3 ½-½

(30) Miller,Matt (1780) - Tutush,Dusan (1995) [B44]

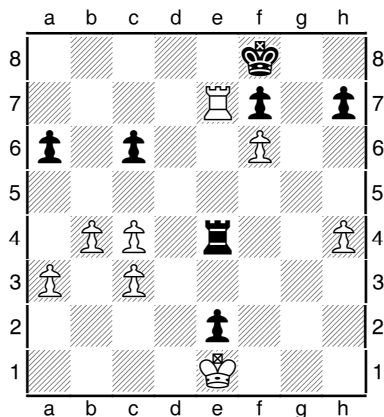
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.c4 Nf6 6.f3 Qc7 7.Be3 a6 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Rc1 0-0 10.Be2 d5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.exd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Bc5 14.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 15.Kh1 dxc4 16.Na4 Qa5 17.Rxc4 Bd7 18.Nc3 Rfd8 19.Rd4 Bc6 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Qc2 Bb7 22.a3 g6 23.Rd1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 Bxd5 25.Rc1 Ra8 26.h3 Qb6 27.b4 Qe3 28.a4 Bb7 29.Rd1 Rc8 30.Qd3 Qxd3 31.Rxd3 ½-½

(32) Poteneni,Shashank (1127) - Jetty,Milind (1426) [C55]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.a3 Ba5 6.b4 Bb6 7.d3 d6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nd5 Bg4 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.Bh6 Re8 12.c3 a6 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Rg1 Ne7 16.Nh4 d5 17.Qf3 Nc8 18.Bxd5 c6 19.Bc4 Bc7 20.Nf5 Kh8 21.h4 Bxf5 22.gxf5 Rg8 23.Rxg8+ Qxg8 24.Qg3 Nd6 25.0-0-0 Qxg3 26.fxg3 Rg8 27.Rg1 Nxc4 28.dxc4 Rg4 29.Kb2 Rxe4 30.Kb3 Re3 31.g4 Rd3 32.g5 Bd8 33.gxf6 Bxf6 34.Bg5 Bd8 35.Bxd8 Rxd8 36.f6 Rg8 37.Rd1 e4 38.Rd7 Re8 39.Kc2 Kg8 40.Re7 Kf8 41.Rxb7 e3 42.Kd1 e2+ 43.Ke1 Re4 44.Re7



Position after 44 Re7

Rxe7 45.fxe7+ Kxe7 46.Kxe2 Ke6 47.a4 Ke5 48.Ke3 f6 49.b5 a5 50.b6 Kd6 51.c5+ Kd7 52.Kf4 Kc8 53.Kf5 Kb7 54.Kxf6 Kc8 55.Kg7 Kb8 56.Kxh7 1-0

(33) Raines,David (1700) - Wan,Joseph (1865) [A40]

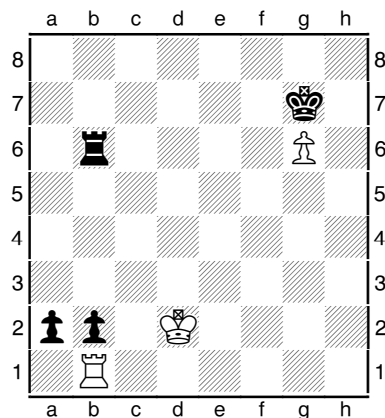
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1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.g3 f5 5.a3 Nf6 6.Bg2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0
9.d5 exd5 10.cxd5 a5 11.Nd4 Na6 12.Bf4 Nh5 13.Rb1 Nxf4 14.gxf4 Qf6
15.e3 Rfe8 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Qe7 18.Qb3 Qf7 19.Rfc1 Rac8 20.Ncb5 Bf8
21.Ne2 c6 22.dxc6 dxc6 23.Qxf7+ Kxf7 24.Nbd4 Re7 25.b5 cxb5 26.Nxb5
Rd7 27.Ned4 Nc5 28.Na7 Rcc7 29.Nac6 ½-½

(35) Retineni,Vikas (1207) - Koeppe,Ian (1502) [C65]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2
0-0 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nh4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bxh4 12.Bg5 Bxg5 13.Nxg5 Nd4 14.Bc4
Qxg5 15.Qxg5 Nf3+ 16.Ke2 Nxg5 17.h4 Ne6 18.h5 Nd4+ 19.Kd2 Bxd3
20.cxd3 b5 21.Bb3 Nxb3+ 22.axb3 f6 23.Rh2 Rfe8 24.f3 d5 25.Rc1 Re7
26.Rc5 a6 27.Rxd5 c6 28.Rd6 Rc7 29.Ke3 Kf7 30.d4 Re8 31.dxe5 Rxe5+
32.Kd2 Ke7 33.Rd3 c5 34.Re2 c4 35.Rxe5+ fxe5 36.bxc4 Rxc4 37.Ra3 Rc6
38.b4 Kf6 39.Ke3 g6 40.hxg6 hxg6 41.Rd3 Ke6 42.f4 exf4+ 43.Kxf4 Rc4+
44.Kg5 Rxb4 45.Ra3 Ra4 46.Rc3 Rc4 47.Ra3 Rc6 48.Kxg6 b4 49.Ra1 b3
50.Rb1 Rb6 51.Kh5 Kf6 52.g5+ Kg7 53.g6 b2 54.Kg4 a5 55.Kf3 a4 56.Ke2
a3 57.Kd2 a2 0-1 Final Position below.



(36) Samiev,Temur (1309) - Slominski,Jerry (1913) [B01]

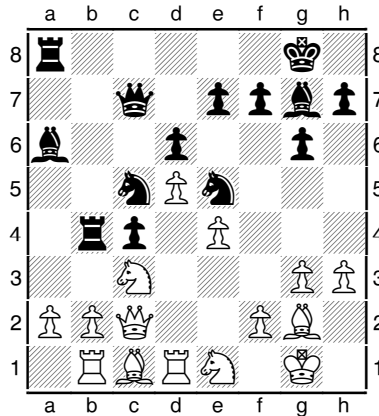
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1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Qxd5 4.Nc3 Qh5 5.d4 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Bf4 0-0-0
8.Bg3 e5 9.Bxe5 Bb4 10.0-0 Rhe8 11.Bf4 Qf5 12.Be3 a6 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4
Nxg4 15.hxg4 Qxg4+ 16.Kh1 Qh3+ 17.Nh2 Bd6 18.Bg4+ Bxg4 19.Qxg4+
Qxg4 20.Nxg4 f5 21.Nh2 f4 22.Bd2 Nxd4 23.Rac1 Re6 24.Nd5 g5 25.c3 Nf5
26.Rfe1 Rh6 27.Kg1 Bc5 28.Re5 Ng3 29.Rd1 Bxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Rxh2+ 31.Kf3
c6 32.Rxg5 cxd5 33.Bxf4 Ne4 34.Rgxd5 Rxd5 35.Rxd5 Rxb2 36.Kxe4 Rxa2
37.Rc5+ Kd8 38.Rh5 Ra4+ 39.Ke3 Rc4 40.Be5 Kd7 41.Rxh7+ Ke6 42.Bd4
b5 43.Rh6+ Kd5 44.Rxa6 Rc8 45.Kd3 Rg8 46.Rb6 Rg3+ 47.Kc2 Rg2+
48.Kb3 Re2 49.Rxb5+ Kc6 50.c4 Re1 51.Rh5 Rb1+ 52.Kc2 Rf1 1-0

(37) Sayler,Dave (1592) - Nelson,Kent (1801) [A58]

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**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2 Bg7
9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Re1 Qc7 12.e4 Rfb8 13.Qc2 Ng4 14.Rd1 Rb4 15.h3
Nge5 16.Ne1 c4 17.Rb1 Nc5**



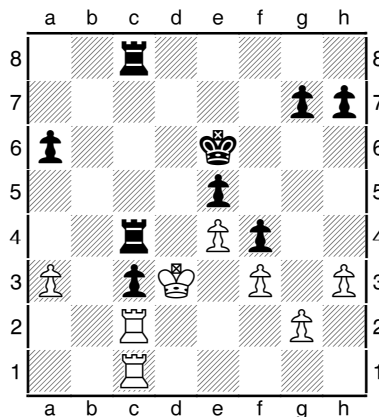
Position after 17..Nc5

18.a3 Rb3 19.Na2 Bb5 20.Nb4 Ba4 21.Bd2 Rxb4 0-1

(40) Anderson,Roger (1794) - Linscott,John (1921) [C84]

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**1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.a3 Be7 5.Bb5 d6 6.h3 a6 7.Ba4 0-0 8.0-0 b5
9.Bb3 Bb7 10.d3 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 c6 14.Ba2 Bf6
15.Bd2 c5 16.Bd5 Qd7 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Bf4 Be5 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.b3 f5 21.f3 f4
22.Qd2 Qb6 23.c3 c4 24.bxc4 dxc3+ 25.Qf2 Qxf2+ 26.Rxf2 bxc4 27.dxc4 Rac8
28.Rc2 Rxc4 29.Rac1 Rfc8 30.Kf1 Kf7 31.Ke2 Ke6 32.Kd3 Rd4+ 33.Ke2 Rdc4
34.Kd3 ½-½ Final Position below.**



(41) Baumgartner,Chris (1864) - Carini,Joshua (1423) [C11]

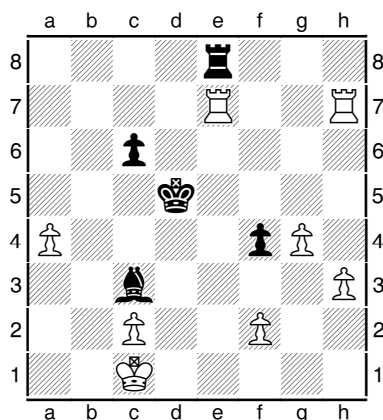
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1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.d4 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Bf4 f5 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Ne5 Ne4 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bxe4 Rxf4 14.Bd3 Qb6 15.Qd2 e5 16.g3 Rf6 17.Na4 Qb4 18.Qxb4 Bxb4 19.c3 Bd6 20.b3 e4 21.Be2 Bh3 22.Rfd1 h5 23.Bxh5 Raf8 24.f4 exf3 0-1

(42) Capron,Mark (1508) - Selvaraj,Jason (1224) [C45]

Midwest Open Omaha (3), 09.03.2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nxd4 5.Qxd4 d6 6.Bc4 Qf6 7.Be3 Qxd4 8.Bxd4 Nf6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Nb5 Bd8 11.e5 dxe5 12.Bxe5 c6 13.Nd6+ Ke7 14.Nxf7 Re8 15.0-0-0 Be6 16.Nd6 Bxc4 17.Bxf6+ gxf6 18.Rhe1+ Be6 19.Nxe8 Kxe8 20.Rxe6+ Kf7 21.Red6 Be7 22.Rd7 Re8 23.Rxb7 a5 24.Rdd7 f5 25.b4 axb4 26.Rxb4 Ke6 27.Rbb7 Bf6 28.Rxh7 Kd5 29.a4 Bc3 30.Rhe7 Ra8 31.Ra7 Rh8 32.h3 Rg8 33.g3 f4 34.g4 Rh8 35.Rh7 Re8 36.Rae7 and the remaining moves cannot be reconstructed. 1-0 See position below.



(43) Chavez,Christopher (1099) - Retineni,Vikas (1207) [C44]

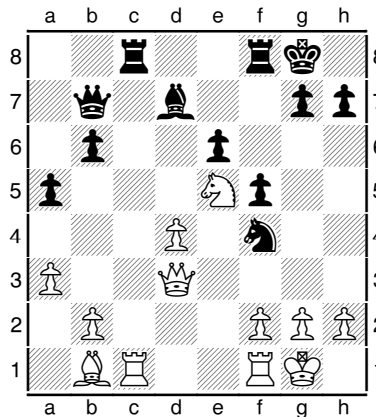
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d6 4.h3 f5 5.exf5 Bxf5 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.d4 e4 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nfd2 Nf6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 d5 14.c4 Rab8 15.Qa4 Qd7 16.b3 Rfe8 17.Nc3 Ra8 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd7 Bxd7 20.b4 c6 21.Nb3 Rab8 22.a3 g5 23.g4 Re7 24.Nc5 h5 25.Nxd7 Rxd7 26.gxh5 Nxh5 27.Re3 Rf8 28.Ne2 Nf4 29.Nxf4 gxf4 30.Rc3 Rg7+ 31.Kh2 Rf6 32.Rg1 Re6 33.Rxg7+ Kxg7 34.Kg2 e3 35.fxe3 fxe3 36.Kf1 e2+ 37.Ke1 Kf8 38.Rc2 Re3 39.a4 Ra3 40.a5 Ra4 41.Rxc6 Rxb4 42.Rxa6 Rxd4 43.Kxe2 Rh4 44.Rd6 Rxh3 45.Rxd5 Ra3 46.Kd2 Ke7 47.Kc2 Ke6 48.Rb5 Kd6 49.Kb2 Kc6 50.Rb6+ 1-0

(44) Dutiel,Tony (1837) - Given,Douglas (1757) [B22]

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1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Qa5
8.Qb3 e6 9.Nf3 Bb4 10.Bd3 Nd5 11.Rc1 Bd7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Ne4 0-0 14.Nc5
Qc7 15.Bb1 b6 16.Na6 Qb7 17.Nxb4 Ncxb4 18.Bd2 a5 19.Bxb4 Nxb4 20.a3
Nd5 21.Qd3 f5 22.Ne5 Nf4! Please see position below.

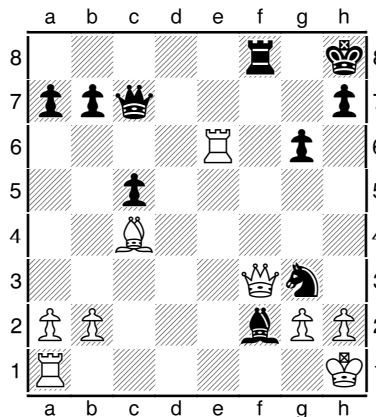


23.Qf3 Qxf3 24.gxf3 Ne2+ 25.Kg2 Nxc1 26.Nxd7 Rfd8 27.Nxb6 Rc6 28.Na4
Rxd4 29.Nc3 Nd3 30.Ne2 Nf4+ 31.Nxf4 Rxf4 32.Rd1 Rfc4 33.Ba2 Rc2
34.Rd8+ Kf7 35.Rb8 Re2 36.Bb3 Kf6 37.Ba4 Rd6 38.f4 Rdd2 39.Rf8+ Kg6
40.Re8 Rxf2+ 41.Kg3 Rfe2 42.Kf3 Re4 43.b4 axb4 44.axb4 Rdd4 45.Bc6
Rxf4+ 46.Ke3 Rxb4 47.Rxe6+ Kg5 48.Bd5 Rh4 49.Re7 g6 0-1

(45) Forsman,Chad (1699) - Knapp,Joseph (2051) [B20]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be2 d6 6.d3 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bf4 d5
9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nb5 0-0 11.Nc7 f5 12.Nxa8 fxe4 13.Bc7 Qe8 14.dxe4 dxe4
15.Bc4+ Kh8 16.Ng5 Bd4 17.Nxe4 Bf5 18.Nd6 Qd7 19.Nxf5 Nxf5 20.Bg3
Rxa8 21.Re1 Rf8 22.Be5+ Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Qc6 24.Re6 Bxf2+ 25.Kh1 Qc7
26.Qf3 Ng3+ Please see the position below.

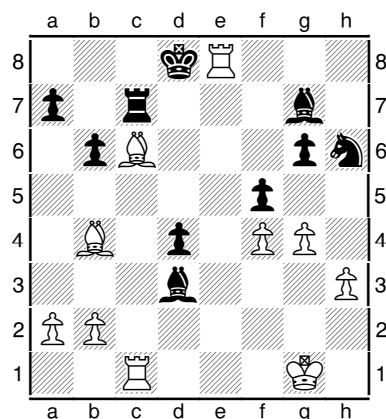


27.Qxg3 Bxg3 28.hxg3 Qxg3 29.Rae1 Qh4+ 30.Kg1 Qxc4 0-1

(46) Hartmann,John (1785) - Given,David (1255) [A03]

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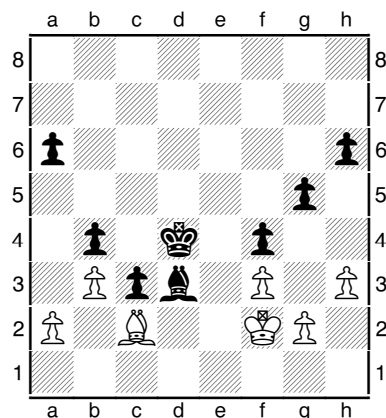
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[8...dxe3 9.Bxe3 (9.Qxe3 Ng4 10.Qe2 (10.Qxc5?! Na6) 10...Nc6 11.h3 Nh6
12.Nc3³) 9...Ng4 10.Nbd2 Bxb2 11.Rb1 Nxe3 12.Qxe3 Bg7 13.Qxc5=] **9.Na3**
Ng4 10.h3 Nh6 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Qa5?! [12.f5! gxf5 13.Bf4 Qd7 (13...Qd8
14.Qd2+-) 14.Nfe5 (14.Qd2 fxe4 15.Bxh6 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 exf3 17.Bxf3)]
12...Qxa5 13.Nxa5 b6 14.Nc4 [14.e5 bxa5 15.Ng5 f6 16.exf6 exf6÷] 14...Ba6
15.g4 f6 16.e5 Nd7 17.exf6 [17.e6 b5 (17...Nb8 18.Nxd4) 18.Na5 Nb6 19.Nc6]
17...exf6 18.Nd6 Rad8 19.Bd2 f5 20.Ng5 Rf6? [20...Nf6! 21.Nc4 (21.Ne6 Rxd6
22.Nxf8 fxe4!-+) 21...Bxc4 22.dxc4 Rfe8³] 21.Bd5+ Kf8 22.Nxh7+ [22.Rfe1]
22...Ke7 23.Nxf6 [23.Nc4 Rh8 24.Rae1+ Kd8 25.Nxf6+-] 23...Kxd6 24.Nxd7
Rxd7 25.Bf3 c4 26.Bb4+ Kc7 27.Rfe1 cxd3 28.cxd3 Bxd3 29.Rac1+ Kd8
30.Bc6 Rc7 31.Re8# 1-0 Final position below.



(47) Hezel,Mitch (1449) - Sayler,Dave (1592) [D43]

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 e6 5.Nf3 h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 dxc4 8.e4 b5
9.Be5 Bb7 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.d5 exd5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Nxd5 Qe6+ 14.Ne3 Bg7
15.Nd4 Qe5 16.Qe2 0-0 17.Nef5 Qxe2+ 18.Kxe2 Bxd4 19.Nxd4 Re8+ 20.Kd2
a6 21.Rd1 Nc6 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 f5 24.Be2 f4 25.Rhe1 Rad8+ 26.Kc1
Rxd1+ 27.Kxd1 Kf7 28.Kd2 Re3 29.Bd1 Rxe1 30.Kxe1 Ke6 31.h3 Ke5
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(48) Jacobs,Steve (1575) - Gaul,Thomas (1903) [A46]

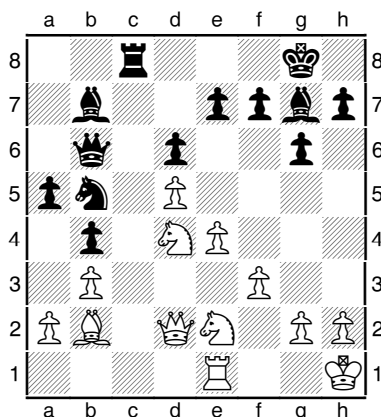
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(54) O'Connor,Tom (1920) - Miller,Matt (1780) [B31]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 d6 6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 a6 8.Bc4 b5 9.Bd5 Bb7 10.Re1 Nf6 11.Bxc6+ Bxc6 12.d5 Bb7 13.Nd4 0-0 14.f3 Rc8 15.Nc3 Nd7 16.Nce2 Ne5 17.Bd2 Nc4 18.Bc3 Qb6 19.b3 Na3 20.Rc1 b4 21.Bb2 Nb5 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Kh1 a5 24.Qd2



Position after 24. Qd2

h5 25.Nxb5 Qxb5 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Qb2+ f6 28.Nd4 Qd3 29.Ne6+ Kf7 30.Rc1 Rxc1+ 31.Qxc1 Qc3 32.Qxc3 bxc3 33.Nd4 Ba6 34.Nc2 Bd3 35.Ne1 Bb1 36.a3 Ba2 37.b4 axb4 38.axb4 Ke8 39.Kg1 Bb3 40.Kf2 c2 41.Nd3 Bc4 42.Nc1 Kd7 43.Ke3 Kc7 44.Kd4 Bf1 45.g3 g5 46.f4 Kb6 47.e5 Kb5 48.exd6 exd6 49.fxg5 fxg5 50.Kc3 Bg2 51.Nb3 c1Q+ 52.Nxc1 Bxd5 53.Ne2 Bc4 54.Nd4+ 1-0

(57) Wan,Joseph (1865) - Li,Brandon (1760) [C10]

Midwest Open Omaha (3), 09.03.2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Ng3 Nd7 7.Be2 Ngf6 8.c4 Bd6 9.b3 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.Bb2 Nf6 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Qd7 14.Rd1 Rd8 15.Qc2 Qc6 16.0-0 0-0 17.Rfe1 b6 18.Ne5 Qb7 19.Qc3 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 c5 21.Ree1 cxd4 22.Rxd4 Qe7 23.Red1 Rxd4 24.Qxd4 Rc8 25.h3 Kf8 26.Qf4 Ke8 27.Qg5 Kf8 28.Rd3 Ne8 29.Qh5 h6 30.Rf3 Rc5 31.Qg6 Rg5 32.Qh7 Qd6 33.Qd3 Ke7 34.Qxd6+ Kxd6 35.Rxf7 a6 Later 1-0

(58) Carini,Joshua (1423) - Forsman,Chad (1699) [A29]

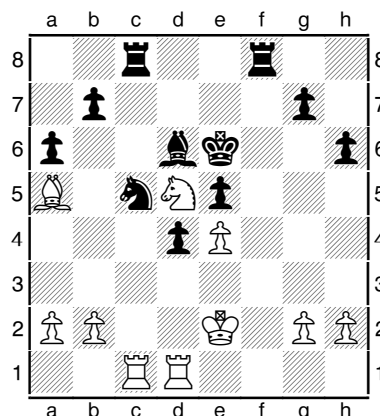
Midwest Open Omaha (4), 10.03.2013

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(64) Knapp,Joseph (2051) - Tutush,Dusan (1995) [B32]

Midwest Open Omaha (4), 10.03.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nb5 d6 6.Bf4 e5 7.Be3 Be7 8.c4 h6 9.c5 dxc5 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Bc4 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.0-0 Nf6 14.Rd1+ Nd7 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4 e5 17.Bg3 Nd4 18.N1c3 a6 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Nd5 Rc8 21.Rac1 Rc6 22.Kf1 Rf8+ 23.Ke2 Bd6 24.Be1 Nc5 25.Ba5+ Kd7 26.Nb4 Rcc8 27.Nd5 Ke6



Position after 27 Ke6

28.Rxc5 Rxc5 29.Be1 Rc2+ 30.Rd2 Rxd2+ 31.Kxd2 Rf1 32.Ke2 Rf8 33.Kd3 Rc8 34.Bd2 Rc5 35.Nb4 Rb5 36.Kc4 Bxb4 37.Bxb4 Rb6 38.b3 Rc6+ 39.Kd3 Rc1 40.Bf8 Rg1 41.Bxg7 Rxg2 42.Bxh6 Rxh2 43.Bd2 b4 44.Kc2 Kf6 45.Kd3 Rxd2+ 46.Kxd2 Kg5 47.Ke2 Kf4 48.Kd3 b4 49.Kc4 Ke3 0-1

(66) McIntosh,Andrew (1052) - Jaddu,Abhinav (964) [C50]

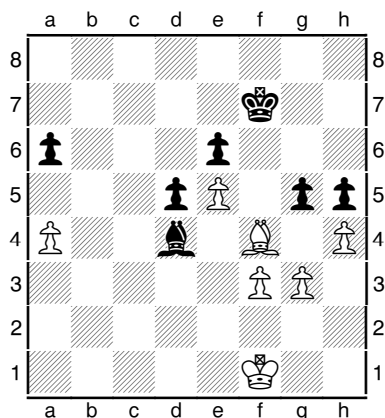
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(67) Miller,Matt (1780) - Jacobs,Steve (1575) [B12]

Midwest Open Omaha (4), 10.03.2013

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 Be7 7.b3 c5 8.c4 cxd4
9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qxd4 Be6 11.Nc3 Bc5 12.Qd2 Ne7 13.Bb2 a6 14.Bd3 Nb6
15.Rfe1 Qd7 16.a3 Nf5 17.Rac1 Rc8 18.b4 Be7 19.b5 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4
21.bxa6 bxa6 22.Red1 Rc5 23.Ne2 0-0 24.Ned4 Nxd4 25.Nxd4 Rd8 26.Nxe6
fxe6 27.g3 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Rc8 29.Bd4 Rc4 30.Bb2 Qa4 31.Rxc4 Qxc4 32.Qc1
Qxc1+ 33.Bxc1 Bc5 34.a4 Bd4 35.Bf4 h6 36.h4 h5 37.Kf1 Kf7 38.f3 g5



Position after 38..g5

39.Bxg5 Bxe5 40.g4 Kg6 41.Ke2 hxg4 42.fxg4 Bg7 43.Bd2 Kh7 44.h5 d4
45.g5 e5 46.Kd3 Kg8 47.g6 Bf6 48.h6 Bd8 49.Ke4 Bf6 50.Kf5 Bd8 51.Kxe5
Bb6 52.Kd5 Kh8 53.Kc6 Bd8 54.Kd7 Bf6 55.Ke6 Bd8 56.Kf7 Bf6 57.g7+ 1-0

(68) Motschman,Keith (1631) - Selvaraj,Jason (1224) [C47]

Midwest Open Omaha (4), 10.03.2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.a3 d6 5.Be2 h6 6.0-0 Be6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4
Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Be7 10.Qd1 0-0 11.Be3 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Qc1
Qd8 15.Rd1 Bd6 16.Bf4 Qe7 17.Bxd6 cxd6 18.Bf3 Rab8 19.Rd4 Rfd8 20.Qd2
b5 21.Re1 Qc7 22.c3 Rb6 23.Rd1 Qe7 24.Bd5 Bxd5 25.Rxd5 a6 26.Re1 Qf6
27.Qe3 Rb7 28.g3 Qg6 29.Qd2 Rbd7 30.f4 Qf6 31.Qe3 Rb7 32.Qe4 g6 33.Rd4
Rb6 34.Red1 Qe6 35.Qf3 Qf6 36.Qf2 Rb7 37.R1d3 Rbd7 38.Qd2 Qe6 39.a4
bxa4 40.Rxa4 d5 41.Rad4 Qc6 42.b3 Kf8 43.h3 Qe6 44.Kh2 h5 45.c4 Qb6
46.b4 Rd6 47.c5 1-0

(71) Samiev,Alisher (1119) - Retineni,Vikas (1207) [C10]

Midwest Open Omaha (4), 10.03.2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 Be6 7.Bd3 g6 8.0-0
Bg7 9.Bf4 Qd7 10.h3 0-0 11.Qd2 Bf5 12.Bxf5 Qxf5 13.Bxc7 Rfe8 14.b3 Ne4
15.Nxe4 Rxe4 16.c3 Rae8 17.Rae1 Rxe1 18.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Bf8 20.a4 b6
21.Qe8 Ne7 22.Ne5 Qf6 23.Nd7 Qg7 24.Be5 Qh6 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.Ng4+ 1-0

(69) Nelson,Kent (1801) - O'Connor,Tom (1920) [C13]

Midwest Open Omaha (4), 10.03.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Ng3 h6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6
8.Nf3 0-0 9.c3 Nd7 10.Qc2 c5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Be2 Bd7 14.0-0
Rfd8 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Bc6 17.Qc2 Bd5 18.c4 Rac8 19.b3 b5 20.Rc1
bxc4 21.bxc4 Rd6 22.Qa4 Rc6 23.Rfd1 a6 24.h3 Bxc4 25.Bxc4 Rxc4
26.Rxc4 Qxc4 27.Qa3 Rb8 28.Rc1 Qb5 29.Rd1 a5 30.Qe3 Qb2 31.Rd2
Qc1+ 32.Kh2 Rb1 33.Qd3 Qc7+ 34.Qd6 Qxd6+ 35.Rxd6 Rb2 36.Rd2 Rxd2
37.Nxd2 Be5+ 38.g3 f5 39.Kg2 g5 40.Kf3 h5 41.Nc4 Bc7 42.Ke3 e5 43.f3
Kf7 44.Kd3 Ke6 45.Ne3 f4 46.gxf4 gxf4 47.Nc4 Kf5 48.Ke2 e4 49.fxe4+
Kxe4 0-1

(72) Samiev,Temur (1309) - Linscott,John (1921) [C55]

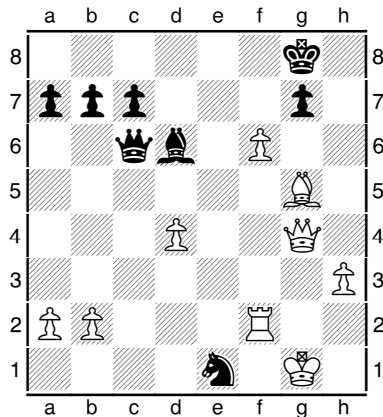
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 d5 6.Bb5 dxe4 7.Nxe5 Qd5
8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.d4 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Qe6 12.b3 c5 13.c3 Bb7 14.f3
cxd4 15.cxd4 Rfd8 16.fxe4 c5 17.Nf3 cxd4 18.Qd3 Ba6 19.Qd2 Qb6 20.Kh1
Bb4 21.Qf2 Bxe1 22.Qxe1 Rac8 23.Bb2 Rc2 24.Bxd4 Rxd4 25.Nxd4 Qxd4
26.Rd1 Qb6 27.Qh4 Rc8 28.e5 Qc7 29.h3 h6 30.Qa4 Bb7 31.Rd7 Qb6
32.Qf4 Rf8 33.Rd6 Qc5 34.Qg3 Re8 35.Rxh6 Qc1+ 36.Kh2 Qxh6 37.a4
Qg6 0-1

(79) Given,Douglas (1757) - Gaul,Thomas (1903) [C01]

Midwest Open Omaha (5), 10.03.2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.c4 dxc4
8.Bxc4 0-0 9.Nc3 Bg4 10.Be3 Ng6 11.h3 Bf5 12.Ng5 Qd7 13.g4 h6 14.Nxf7
Rxf7 15.Bxf7+ Qxf7 16.gxf5 Qxf5 17.Qg4 Qf7 18.f4 Re8 19.Rae1 Nb4 20.f5
Nf8 21.Bxh6 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Nd3 23.Re2 Nd7 24.Rg2 Bf8 25.Ne4 Nf6
26.Nxf6+ Qxf6 27.Bg5 Qc6 28.f6 Ne1 29.Rf2 Bd6 Later 1-0

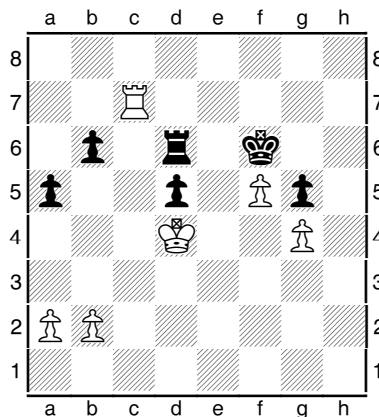


Position after 29..Bd6-White later won.

(80) Hartmann,John (1785) - Erickson,Alek (1546) [B12]

Midwest Open Omaha (5), 10.03.2013 [Hartmann]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nd2 e6 5.Nb3 Nd7 6.Nf3 Qb6 7.Be2 [7.a4] 7...c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nxc5 Qxc5 10.c3 Ne7 11.Be3 [11.0-0 0-0 12.Bf4 (12.Re1 Bg4 13.Nd4 Bxe2 14.Rxe2 Rfc8 15.h4 Nc6 16.Bf4 Qe7 17.Nf3 b5 18.h5 0-1 Chen Fan (2375)-Riazantsev,A (2710)/Beijing 2012/EXT 2013 (45)) 12...Bg4 13.Re1 Ng6 14.Bg3 b5 15.Rc1 Rac8 16.Qd2 Qb6 17.h3 Bh5 18.Bh2 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Rc6 20.Bg3 1/2-1/2 Rublevsky,S (2686)-Bologan,V (2687)/Sochi 2012/CBM 148 (43)] 11...Qc7 12.Bb5 0-0 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.Nd4 f6 [14...Qc7 15.f4 Be4 16.0-0] 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.0-0 b6 17.c4 Raf8 18.Bg5 Rg6 [18...R6f7 19.cxd5 Nxd5 20.Re1] 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 [19...Bh3! 20.Bxf8 (20.g3? Qxe7 21.cxd5 Bxf1 22.Qxf1) 20...Bxg2 21.Qh5 Bf3+ (21...Kxf8 22.Qxg6 hxg6; 21...Be4+ 22.Qxg6 hxg6 23.f3) 22.Qxg6 hxg6 23.Nxf3] 20.Nxf5 Rxf5 21.cxd5 Qg5 22.g3 exd5 23.Rc1 Qd8 24.Rc4 Rd6 25.Rd4 Re5 Black offered a draw here. 26.Qb3 Kh8 27.Rfd1 h6 28.Qa3 Re7 29.Qd3 [29.Rxd5? Rxd5 30.Rxd5 Qxd5?? (30...Re1+! didn't understand how good this was 31.Kg2 Qxd5+) 31.Qxe7 Qd1+ 32.Kg2 Qd5+ 33.f3 Qd2+ (33...Qxa2=) 34.Kh3] 29...Red7 30.Re1 Rf6 31.Re5 Rfd6 32.f4? [32.Qe2!] 32...Kg8 33.Qe3 Kf7 34.Qe2 g6 35.f5 g5 36.g4 [36.Re6; 36.Qh5+ Kf8 (36...Kf6 37.Re8!) 37.Re6 Rxe6 38.fxe6 Qf6 39.Rf4!! gxf4 40.exd7 Qd4+ 41.Kg2 Qe4+ 42.Kh3 Qe6+ 43.Qg4 Qxg4+ 44.Kxg4 Ke7 45.Kxf4 Kxd7 46.Ke5 Kc6 47.b4!+-] 36...Re7 37.Kf2 Kf6 38.Rxe7 Qxe7 39.Qxe7+ Kxe7 40.Ke3 Kf6 41.Ra4 a5 42.Kd4 h5 43.h3 hxg4 44.hxg4 Rd8 [44...Rc6 45.Kxd5 Rc5+ 46.Kd4 Rc2 47.b3?] 45.Ra3 Rd7 46.Rc3 Rd6 47.Rc7 and Black resigns. Position below.



[47.Rc7 b5 (47...a4 48.Rh7 Rd8 49.Rh6+ Kf7 50.Rxb6) 48.Rc5 b4 (48...Rb6 49.Kxd5 Rb7 50.Kc6 Re7 51.Kxb5 Rb7+ 52.Kxa5 Rxb2 53.a4) 49.Rxa5 Rc6 50.Rc5+-] 1-0

(81) Jetty,Milind (1426) - Motschman,Keith (1631) [C42]

Midwest Open Omaha (5), 10.03.2013

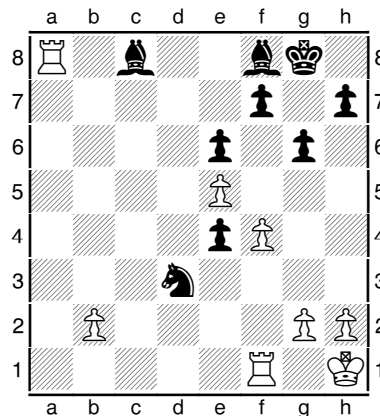
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2013 Midwest Open Championship Game

(86) O'Connor, Tom (1920) - Knapp, Joseph (2051) [B34]

Midwest Open Omaha (5), 10.03.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.Be2 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nxc6 bxc6
8.Bd4 0-0 9.Nd2 d5 10.e5 Nd7 11.f4 c5 12.Bf2 Rb8 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Rb1 e6
15.Nb3 a5 16.a4 Rb4 17.Be1 Rxa4 18.Bb5 Re4 19.Ra1 c4 20.Bxa5 Qa7+
21.Kh1 cxb3 22.Bd3 bxc2 23.Qxc2 Qc5 24.Bxe4 dxe4 25.Qxc5 Nxc5 26.Bb4
Nd3 27.Bxf8 Bxf8 28.Ra8



Position after 28 Ra8

..Bb7 29.Rb8 Bd5 30.Rc8 e3 31.Rc2 Bb4 32.Re2 Bd2 33.b3 Bxb3 34.Rb1
Nc1 35.Rxe3 Bxe3 0-1



John Linscott (foreground right) is watching intently as the Midwest Championship game between **Tom O'Connor** (left) playing White and **Joe Knapp** playing Black (right) commences.

Anton Sildmets' Chess Career: Opening Moves, The 1950's

Excerpt from Kent Nelson's book about Anton Sildmets.

Anton told me he learned how to play chess when he was in his mid-twenties and living in Europe. He started playing tournament chess after settling in Nebraska. When Anton started his chess career in the 1950's, a number of his chess competitors were refugees and displaced persons who had moved to Nebraska to start a new life from war-torn Europe. To this day, Lincoln is blessed to have a large contingent of native Latvian and Baltic states' citizens living and thriving in our community. In researching this book, I found a number of common denominators about Nebraska chess players in the 1950's. For starters, most of the photos I've come across showed players *wearing a suit and tie*. It appears out of respect for the game and for each other, players dressed formally. Chess player *smoking* was the norm leading up to the 1980's. Several photographs depict players holding pipes, cigars or cigarettes during tournaments. *Chess clubs* were well attended and supported by their members paying yearly dues. There were many references to *formal banquets* held before or after major tournaments. *Community leaders* including the mayor and state governors were invited and often attended special chess activities such as major tournaments and award banquets. *Newspaper coverage* was regular and articles were written profiling players who won chess championships. Local tournament results were well documented. With this chess climate, I was able to learn a great deal about prominent players in the 1950's, many of whom were Anton's friends and chess rivals. In the next few pages, we will document a prominent Lincoln player, **Alexander Liepnicks** (sometimes referred to as Aleksander or Alex).



Lincoln Chess Team Tops Omaha-Members of the Lincoln Chess Team, victors over Omaha in a recent match are (seated, from left): W. Sabin; P. Wood; Alexander Liepnicks; B. Frank Watson, club president; E. Hinman; and V. Rajnoha; (standing from left) J. Sobolevski; S. Reeder; J. Warner; J. Dannfields; A. Sildmets; P. Finley; O. Stauers; B. Schwabauer; E. Adminis and R. Kalnins. Not pictured are V. Pupols and A. Freibergs. (Staff Photo.) (Year 1952) *Research done by Bob Woodworth, NSCA Historical Archivist.*

A Plea for the Past

by
Kent Nelson

I recently received a number of black and white photographs of chess players from the 1950's and 60s. Most of the photos do not have any identification. With your help, I hope to change that. Using the photo on the previous page as a starting point, I would appreciate any help you can provide in identifying the individuals depicted. If you know the names of the persons in the pictures, please let me know. There may be the more than one picture of the same person. Please use the page numbers in referencing the photo and the location of the picture on the page. Thank you!



Frank Watson



S. Reeder



Player Unknown

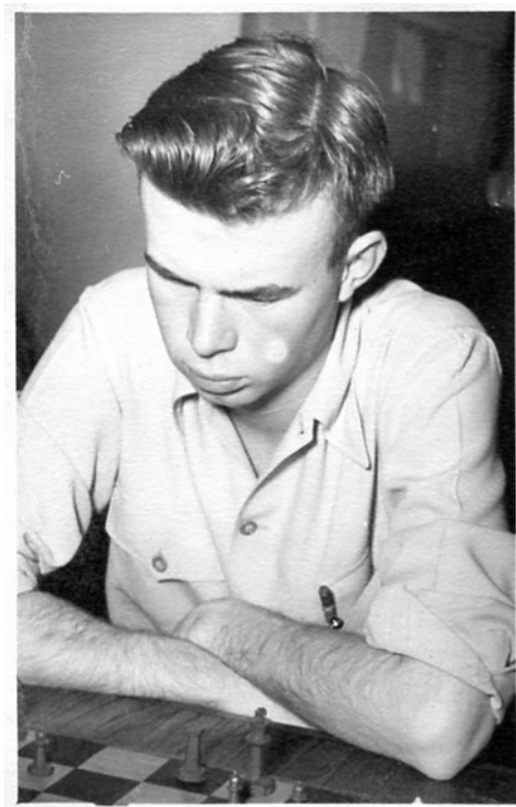


P. Finley?

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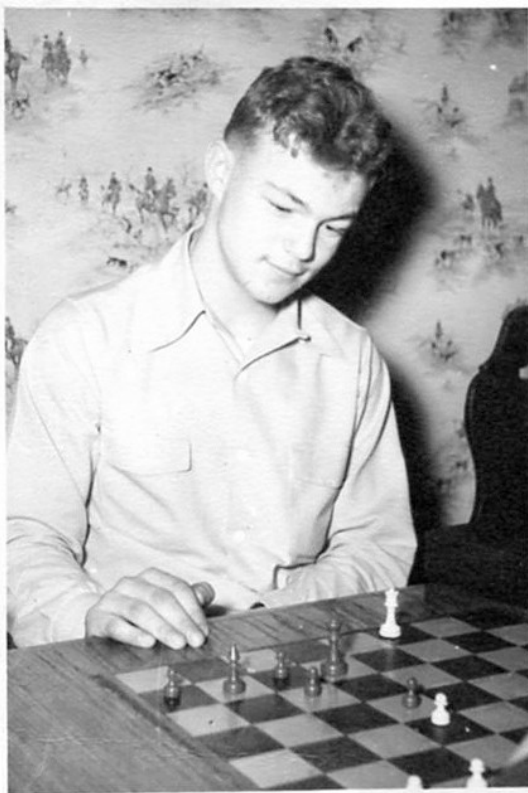




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Alexander Liepnieks



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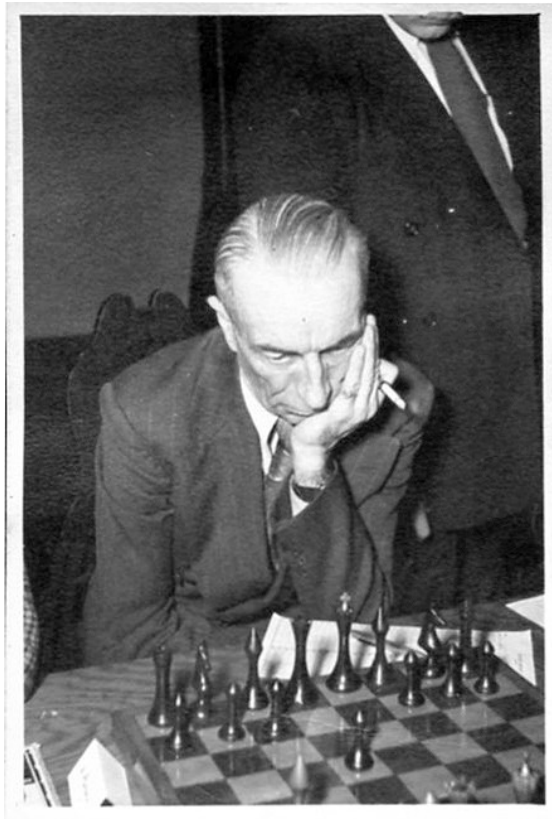


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V. Rajnoha
The clue is the bow tie.



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Player unidentified



Alexander Liepnieks vs. Frank Watson



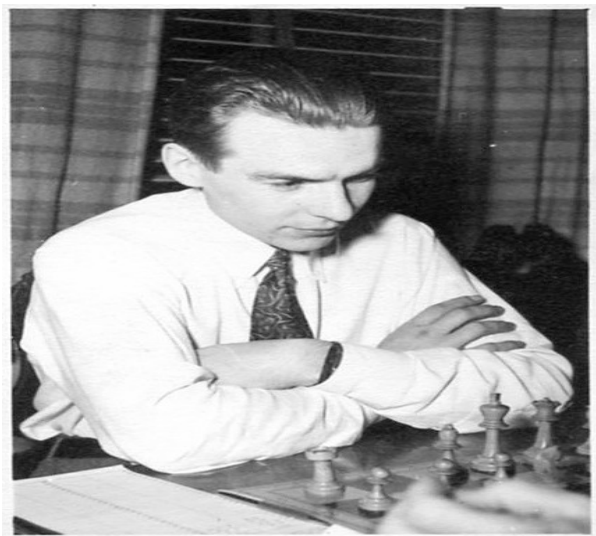
Liepnieks in dark suit, far right



Liepnieks right foreground



Alexander Liepnieks vs. Frank Watson



Anton Sildmets



Player unidentified



Unknown combatants

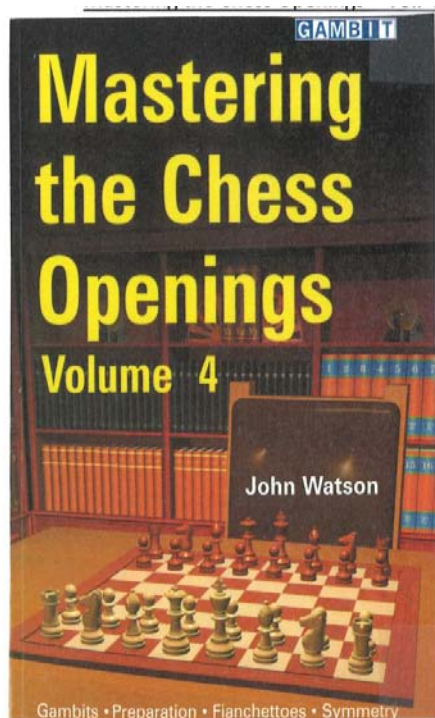
SOME VERY FAMOUS CHESS AUTOGRAPHS

By Robert Woodworth

Your writer has been an avid chess book collector for the last 6 decades or so. One of the sidelines of collecting these books is to obtain a verified autograph of the author(s). These personal autographs really add to the aesthetic value of the books. (Another lesser but important factor is the increase in the actual fair-market value of the books themselves.) Whenever I ask an author for their autograph, I always provide the signing pen as a courtesy. I always show the book's cover & then open to the first blank page or else the title page provided there is enough room for their signature. Afterwards, I place a yellow 'sticky' note on the signed page which authenticates the actual signing. (I will also add the calendar date plus the location.) Occasionally the author will ask if I want a brief note added and I reply that only their signature is sufficient plus the signing date if they care to include it.

Following are six examples of some chess book titles with the appropriate author's signature. (Also shown are copies of the 'sticky' notes which are used for verification purposes.)

"Mastering the Chess Openings – Vol. 4" by IM John Watson



John & Robert
2011

**Mastering the
Chess Openings**

Volume 4

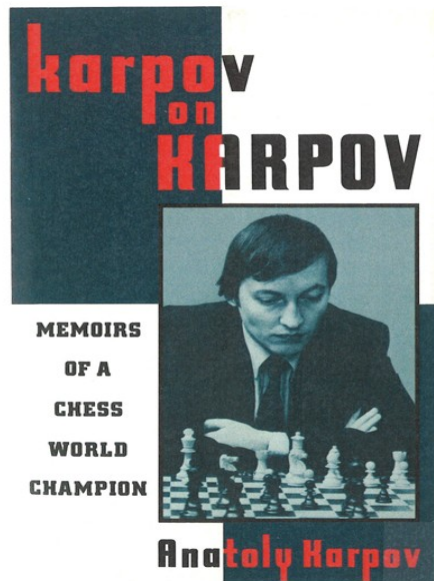
John Watson

*Signed by
John Watson in
Lincoln, Nebraska
For Robert Woodworth*

GAMBIT

(NOTE: John Watson is a marvelous chess writer and he always was very willing to autograph any of my chess books he had authored!)

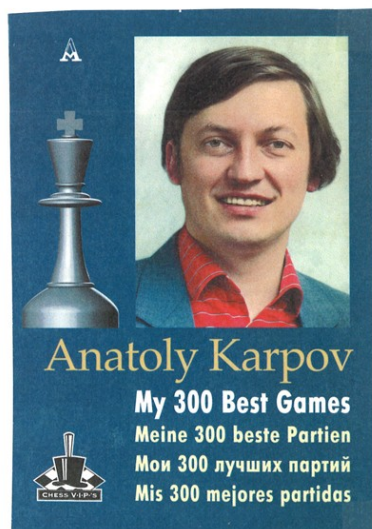
“Karpov On Karpov – Memoirs of a Chess World Champion” by GM Anatoly Karpov



*signed by
Anatoly Karpov
at the National
Open in Las Vegas
- March, 1998
& witnessed by
Robert Workworth*

(NOTE: GM Karpov was walking through the hotel lobby with 2 of his body guards (at least I assumed they were) when I stopped him for the above autograph, which he very kindly provided for me!!)

“Anatoly Karpov – My 300 Best Games” by GM Anatoly Karpov



Anatoly Karpov

My 300 Best Games

Meine 300 beste Partien

Мои 300 лучших

Mis 300 mejores

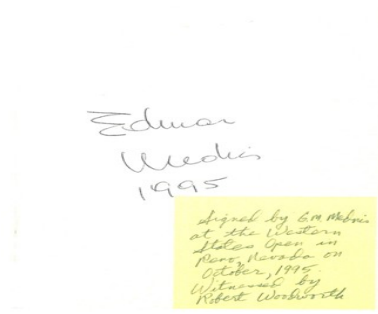
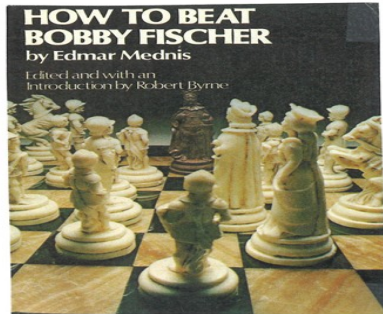
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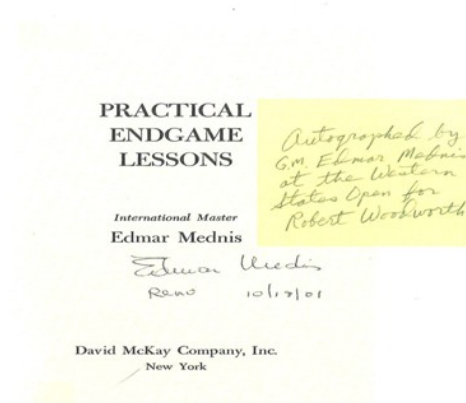
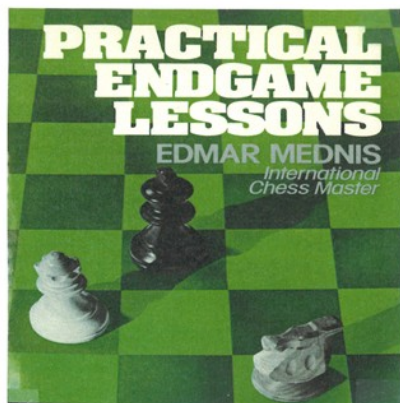
(NOTE: GM Karpov had an actual book signing at the National Open in Las Vegas where he was an honored guest. He also conducted a simultaneous exhibition where he was undefeated!!)

“How To Beat Bobby Fischer” by GM Edmar Mednis



(NOTE: This book is a classic as it analyzes the 61 losses by GM Fischer prior 1975. I really appreciated GM Mednis signing this book for me!! Sadly, GM Mednis ‘passed away’ in 2001 due to complications from surgery after being sent home prematurely!! REST IN PEACE!!!!)

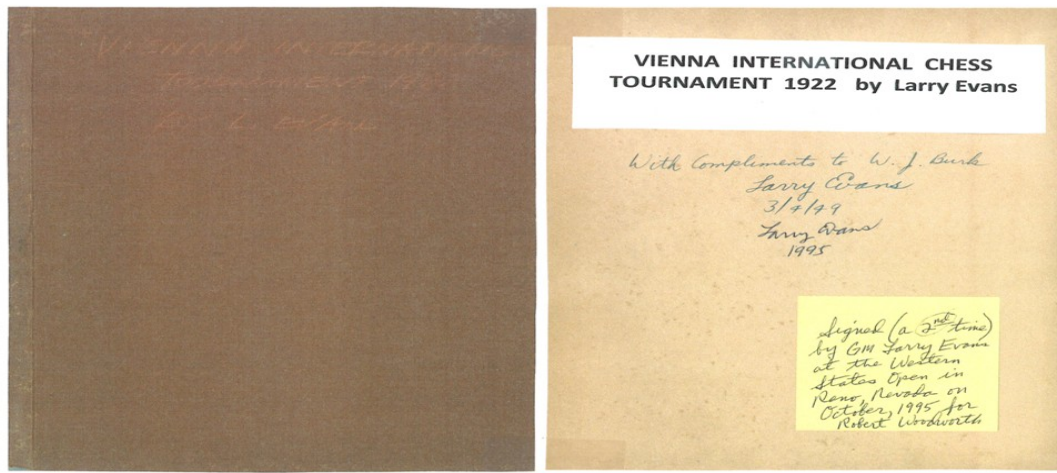
“Practical Endgame Lessons” by GM Edmar Mednis



(NOTE: A wonderful endgame book by GM Mednis which he was so very kind to autograph for me. On a personal note, I will say that of all the famous chess authors I’ve met, he was easily the kindest, most personable and helpful. The only other 2 would be IM John Watson & GM Larry Evans!!)

AND FINALLY:

“VIENNA INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT 1922” by GM
Larry Evans



(NOTE: This book was ‘self produced’ by GM Evans in 1948 on a mimeograph machine after being printed on a typewriter!! Notice the double autographs by GM Evans & which were signed about 45 years apart! Sadly, GM Evans died in 2010 after complications from gall-bladder surgery. Peace to him!)

Well, for this article, I’ve reached the end but in the next issue of the “GAMBIT” I will include more famous chess autographs. Some of these will include the following chess luminaries: Alexander Alekhine, Victor Korchnoi, David Bronstein, Patrick Wolff, Max Euwe, Frank Marshall, John Donaldson, Emmanuel Lasker & Robert Fischer!!

I sincerely hope that the reader finds this sideline of collecting signed chess materials to be of some interest. These signed documents represent the history of our wonderful game and adds a little of the human-side for its’ most well-known writers & players!!

Robert Woodworth
March, 2013
Omaha, Nebraska

Historic Chess Pictures

The Lincoln Hotel (Now defunct)
Site of the 1969 U.S. Chess Open
Lincoln, Nebraska



Pictures courtesy of **Hess Baluch**



1969 U.S. Open

Picture above-standing (L to R)

Richard Moore & Donald Byrne

Sitting (L to R)

Arthur Bisguier, Hess Baluch, Alex Liepnieks & Paul Benko

Picture below is

Donald Byrne (standing left)

Hess Baluch (sitting down)





1969 U.S. Open

Hess Baluch (left) hands a plaque to tournament director and International Chess Master, **George Koltanowski**.

Notes on George Koltanowski (1903-2000)

From his book *Colle System*
Eighth Edition

An International Chess Master, George Koltanowski had an impressive record of victories behind him even before leaving his native Belgium to live in America. A beginner at age 14, he soon mastered the game. At seventeen, he was the national champion of Belgium. He won the World Blindfold Championship at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1937, and since that time has reasserted his mastery at the blindfold game.

For more information on George Koltanowski, please refer to the Wikipedia article about him on the Internet.

Tournament Announcements

NEBRASKA STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION INDIVIDUAL SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, May 4, 2013

**North American Martyrs School, 1101 Isaac Drive,
Lincoln**

Only Nebraska players may compete in this event. The top player in each section will be the 2013 Nebraska Individual Scholastic Chess Champion! The top finisher in the K-12 section, enrolled in grades 9-12, will be the Nebraska qualifier for the Denker Tournament. The top finisher in the K-8 section, enrolled in grades K-8, will be the Nebraska qualifier for the Barber Tournament. The top performing girl who does not win either the Denker or Barber seed will be the 2013 Nebraska Girl's Champion. Players enrolled this spring in any Nebraska school or who are home schooled are eligible.

Time controls, number of rounds, and other announcements on day of tournament take precedence over this flier.

On-site registration is from 8:00-8:45 a.m. Only players who have checked-in by 8:45 will be paired for round 1. Opening announcements held 5 minutes before the first round starts. –Round 1 for K-12 starts at 9:00; Round 1 for K-8 starts at 9:10; Round 1 for K-6 starts at 9:20 and Round 1 for K-3 starts at 9:30. Subsequent rounds will start approx. 10 minutes after completion of prior round. Lunch break will be announced. Help wanted, we are asking for a section monitor K-3 and K-6.

K-12: Open to K-12th grade - 4 rounds at Game/60 (if enough players, 5 rd, G 45) Trophies to Champion, 2d, 3rd; 1st and 2d Under 1000/unr

K-8: Open to K-8th grade - 4 rounds at Game/60 (if enough players, 5 rd, G 45) Trophies to Champion, 2d, 3rd; 1st and 2d Under 800/unr

K-6: Open to K-6 grade - 5 rounds at Game/45

Trophies to Champion, 2d, 3rd; 1st and 2d Under 600/unr

K-3: Open to K-3 grade - 5 rounds at Game/30

Trophies to Champions, 2d, 3rd; 1st and 2d under 400/unr

USCF membership is required for all sections except the K-3

Primary section. USCF membership may be required for the K-3

Primary section for those players who have previously been

USCF members. USCF memberships will be available

on site.

Please bring sets and clocks if you have them!

Entry fee is \$15 if received May 2, 2013. Late or on site entry is \$20.

Mail entries to:

Michael Gooch

1004 South 131st Avenue

Omaha, NE 68154

Checks payable to Nebraska State Chess Association.

This tournament is being organized by John Linscott and directed

by Michael Gooch. Questions may be sent via email to

johnlinscott@neb.rr.com or mdgooch@cox.net.

***** 2013 Individual ***** 2013 Individual *****

2013 Individual *****

Name _____

Phone # or email _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

USCF ID _____ exp. date _____

Grade _____

School _____

☐ K-12 ☐ K-8 ☐ K-6 ☐ K-3

2012 Lincoln City Championship*

June 15, 2013 at Southeast Community College

8800 'O' Street, Lincoln, NE 68520

Open to All: Top Finisher will be Lincoln City Champion!

*** This event will determine the 2012 Lincoln Champion since this event was not held last year. The 2013 Lincoln City Championship will be held in November.**

Only the '2013 Lincoln City Championship' results will be used for POY standings.

Lincoln City Championship: 3-SS G90 d5 (rds 1-3) at Southeast Community College, 8800 'O' Street, Lincoln, NE 68520: **Prizes:** Based on 20 paid entries: 1st \$100, plaque & traveling trophy, 2nd \$50, U1700 \$50. Tie-break order: 1) Modified Median, 2) Solkoff, 3) Cumulative. Top Finisher awarded 2012 Lincoln City Champion title. **Registration:** 8 to 9 am, Saturday June 15th in the Cafeteria. USCF June rating list used. **Entry Fee:** \$20 on-site or by mail. If preregistering, make checks payable to the Lincoln Chess Foundation and postmark by June 10th, 2013. USCF membership required and available on-site. **Rounds:** Saturday 9:30 am, 1 pm & 4 pm. Announcements on site will take precedence over this flyer. One halfpoint allowed if requested before beginning of preceding round.

Equipment:

Bring clocks, sets & boards. **Contact Information:** John Linscott: 402.314.2338 or jlinscott1@neb.rr.com.

Please send Advance Entry to John Linscott, 1625 South 23rd St. #1, Lincoln, NE 68502. Make check or money order payable to the Lincoln Chess Foundation. Email confirmation of receipt will be sent.

Name: _____
USCF# _____ Rating: _____
Expiration Date: _____ Address: _____ City &
State: _____
Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

All Advance Entries must be postmarked by June 10th, 2013

CORNHUSKER STATE GAMES
JULY 20–21, 2013 | SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY
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DIVISIONS

Open (Saturday & Sunday): Five-round Swiss System. Time Control: Each player has 75 minutes to complete 40 moves, then 30 additional minutes to complete the game. (40/75, SD/30, d5)

Reserve (Saturday Only): Five-round Swiss System. Time Control: Each player has 60 minutes to complete game (Game/60, d5).

Junior (Saturday Only): Four-round Swiss System. Time Control: Each player has 40 minutes to complete game (Game/40, d5).

Scholastic (Saturday Only): Five-round Swiss System. Time Control: Each player has 30 minutes to complete game (Game/30, d5).

Adult/Youth Team (Sunday Only): Four-round Team Swiss System. Time Control: Each player has 30 minutes to complete game (Game/30, d5). Higher rated player will be on top board of each team. If one or both players are unrated, please specify board order.

IMPORTANT NOTES: Nebraska POY for Open section. No memberships are required. All games will be submitted to the United States Chess Federation for rating at no cost to the participant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Chess Director Michael Gooch at (402) 333-0722 or email mdgooch@cox.net.

REGISTRATION FEES & DEADLINES

If registered by Monday, June 17: Open - \$30; Reserve - \$25; Junior - \$19; Scholastic - \$19; Adult/Youth Team - \$15 per team member.

Between June 18 and July 1: Open - \$35; Reserve - \$30; Junior - \$24; Scholastic - \$24; Adult/Youth Team - \$18 per team member.

Between July 2 and July 18: Open - \$40; Reserve - \$35; Junior - \$28; Scholastic - \$28; Adult/Youth Team - \$20 per team member.

FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE: Thursday, July 18.

Entry fee includes an athlete shirt, passes to SportFest and the Opening Ceremonies and a copy of the NSC Yearbook. Yearbooks will not be shipped, but will be available at the Opening Ceremonies on July 19 and at the Nebraska Sports Council office during normal packet pickup dates/times.

Tournament Life Summary

For more information, please visit the NSCA web site at
www.Nebraskachess.com

Interested in scheduling a tournament? Please contact any
NSCA board member for a start.

Date	Event	Location	Sections
4/20/13	Chess Tournament	Brownell- Talbot Omaha	Check the NSCA web site for details
5/4/13	Individual Scholastic Championships	Lincoln	Please see the previous pages for details
6/3/13 to 6/7/13	Omaha Chess Camp	Omaha	Watch for details
6/15/13	2012 Lincoln City Championship	Lincoln	Please see the previous pages for details
7/20/13 to 7/21/13	Cornhusker State Games	Lincoln	Please see the previous pages for details
9/28/13 to 9/29/13	RCR Regional Chess Team Tournament	Omaha	Look for details soon!
11/9/13	2013 Lincoln City Championship	Lincoln	Details coming soon!

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