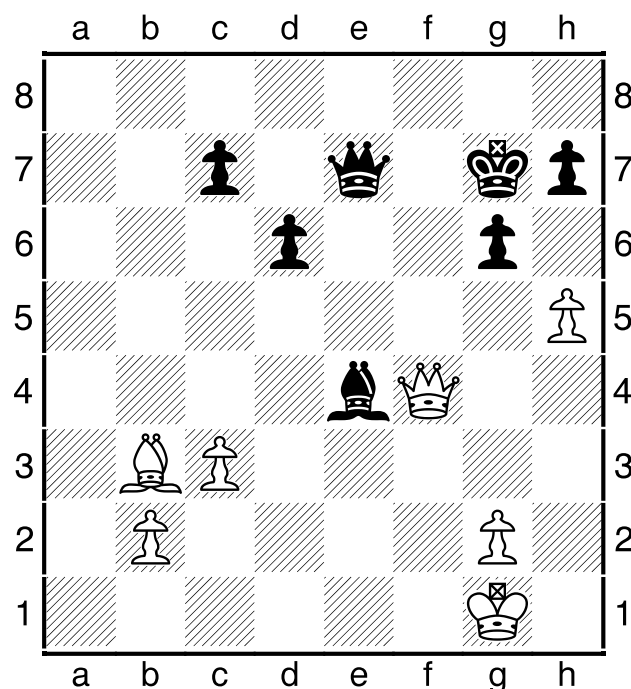


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White (to move)

B. Ivanovic-P. Popovic
Yugoslavia, 1973

1st move is very obvious 1. h6+, 1.Kh8 and the 2nd very devious!!

What move for White now wins the game??

SOURCE: J. Franklin Campbell's chess col. in the Nov. -Dec., 2006 American Postal Chess News Bulletin, the final issue for A.P. C. T. —Diagram provide by Bob Woodworth.

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Letter from NSCA President John Hartmann

Dear friends of Nebraska chess:

Happy 2016! There are so many good things on the global chess horizon – the World Championship match is said to be set for the United States, press coverage of big events is through the roof, and America has three of the top ten players in the world – and much the same can be said for chess in Nebraska.

With the near-monthly series of events at UNO run by Drew Thyden, coupled with the continued efforts of directors and organizers like Mike Gooch and John Linscott, there are more rated tournaments for Nebraskans than have occurred in recent memory. The Spence Chess Club continues to grow. The scholastic scene, made possible by so many volunteers, is bigger than ever. Nebraska chess is going places. And it's all due to the efforts of people like you, the people who come out to play and support our events.

We hope to continue to grow in this new year, with more tournaments and a new Nebraska Chess website in the works. The State Invitational Championship is set for April, and as I write these words, it appears that a FIDE rated round-robin will take place at the same place and time. Our relations with players and organizers from local states are also improving. Nebraska players are increasingly traveling to big out-of-state events and doing quite well!

We do have need of more tournament directors and organizers here in the state. To that end we hope to (finally) have a workshop for prospective directors in the Spring. Interested parties can e-mail me at jrhchess@gmail.com to be kept apprised of the workshop. Anyone who can provide access to playing sites should also e-mail me with details!

Thank you as always to Kent Nelson, who does yeoman's work on these Gambit issues. And thank you to all of the players, without whom there would be no chess in Nebraska.

Best regards,
John Hartmann

From Kent's Corner

Greetings chess friends and welcome to another issue of the *Gambit*. Once again, in order to present this issue to you, I depend on my wonderful contributors to provide material.

And of course, as always, they come through for me in a big way.

My thanks to **Robert Woodworth** for his articles, editing and support. Bob works very hard in making the *Gambit* a good read with his instructive and entertaining articles and his attention to detail is amazing. Bob is a chess editor's best friend and Nebraska is very fortunate to have Bob serve our state as Historical Archivist. Thanks again, Bob, for all you do for me and for Nebraska chess.

John Tomas is another contributor I'm thankful for. John has written a wonderful article with the professionalism and precision that is the hallmark of his work. One can actually feel like you are experiencing firsthand the events that John writes about. I had the privilege of competing against some of the players John has so eloquently documented in his articles and it truly was, a special time for me during Nebraska's golden age of chess. Thanks again John for recording this for the *Gambit*.

John Hartmann is a man of all seasons with seemingly boundless energy and enthusiasm for chess in Nebraska and beyond. This is all the more amazing, considering John is the proud father of a lovely 1-year-old daughter named Avery. Where does John have all that get up and go, doing the things he does, especially having a kid? This includes organizing, directing, and playing in tournaments every week at the Jack Spence chess club, writing book reviews for *Chess Life*, inputting tournament games in his computer for database creation and running the state as our NSCA President! And I'm doing John a disservice because he does a lot more for Nebraska chess than I'm listing here. Thank you John, I appreciate all you do.

I appreciate all my contributors. How about being one yourself?

Yours in chess,
Kent

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News and Notes

- It is with a heavy heart to mention the passing of **Ilmars “Elly” Didrichsons** on September 30th 2015. Elly’s life story was recorded in the July 2015 issue of the *Gambit*. This editor had the privilege of interviewing his intensely private man and I will miss him deeply. He was 90 years old.
- Congratulations to **John Linscott** on his marriage last year. Doesn’t seem to have any adverse impact to his chess game however. Time will tell.
- The Nebraska State Closed will be held April 2nd and 3rd at Brownell-Talbot high school in Omaha. The players that are competing for the state championship are **Joe Knapp, John Hartmann, Steve Cusumano, Ying Tan** and yours truly, **Kent Nelson**. First alternate is **Tony Dutiel. Mike Gooch** will be directing. Considering the strong field of players, please pray for the chess soul of Kent Nelson.
- Your editor received an email from **John Watson**. John competed in the recently concluded, Gibraltar Open (January 25-February 4), and sent a number of great pictures from the playing site and some of the tournament players. A report about this event is upcoming in *Chess Life* and maybe John, (if your editor asks real nice) will provide his commentary for the *Gambit*. Stay tuned!
- If anyone is interested in becoming the President of the Lincoln Chess Foundation, please run, don’t walk, to contact Kent Nelson.
- Solution to cover diagram--1. h6+ forcing 1..Kh8. Winning move is 2. **Be6**

1969
The Tomas Year
by
John Tomas

In 1970, John Watson left Nebraska for Massachusetts and would not return for two years. Ohman had died, Spence, McClellan and Liepnieks were mostly inactive – and I kept winning.

I had won the state title in '67, '68, and '69 and would win it again in 1970, my best result yet. In the summer of 1970, after graduating from Creighton University with a BA, I accompanied my brother (funded by the Ford Foundation) to Europe. Pete (who scored 4 ½ points in the state high school one year) was not good at directions and while he read German without any problem, speaking it was mostly beyond him (I have stories). So I was along to keep him from getting lost and to make certain that we could communicate with the natives.

I got to play speed chess in a small club in London and in a *Ratskeller* in Heidelberg where inhabitants disappeared whenever we heard police sirens. When I returned from Europe, I started winning immediately and did not stop for almost a year. My mother had moved back to her Chicago in the spring, and I meant to take advantage of the opportunities that offered. Chicago in those days was one of the two or three strongest cities in the country, behind only New York, and (maybe) San Francisco, and I was able to play in extremely strong events there, 4 ½ in a Wamsley Cup (much like the Swenson Memorial but played on a monthly basis). Then, I returned to Omaha and kept winning: a tied first place (with John Ragan) in the Heart of America, another Midwest Open, the Swenson Memorial, the Nebraska Collegiate (a welcome break from actually directing the Nebraska High School the previous year), a tournament in Loose Park in Kansas City and finally 16-0 in the Omaha City Championship – all without a loss.

I found the city championship to my liking-- the young players who would support Omaha and Nebraska were just starting to

play tournament chess, and the established players (George Halsey, Dan Reynolds, Jack Spence) were past their prime. Since without Howard Ohman to object, Jack had rated the city championship, my rating jumped over 150 points.

Tomas, John – Reynolds, Dan

Omaha City Championship (5), 1971

French Defense **C02**

1.e4 c6

A bit unusual for Reynolds, but after his last two losses to me in the Midwest Opens, I suspect he was afraid of playing ...e5.

2. f3

I'm perfectly happy to play a Ruy against Dan.

2...e6 3.d4 d5

If white's knight were on c3, this would have been one of the Fischer - Petrosian match games John Watson devoted a chapter to a similar line in his *Dangerous Weapons: The French (Swearing in Church)*.

4.e5 Bobby played 4.exd5 which is just an Exchange French.

4... ge7 5.c3!

This is the difference between the two lines. White's knight is not on c3.

5...b6?!

Very, very slow, and I expected to be able to take advantage of his retarded development.

6. d3 a5 7. e2 b8?

As I learn more about the game, I am loath to make snap judgments about a move, but I'll make an exception here: this move is awful. Reynolds is "gifting" four moves to white. You simply wouldn't expect a player of Dan's strength to play such moves. Later that year, Dan's wife died, and it is hard not to see her health problems behind Dan's play in this game.

8.0-0 a6 9.b3 xd3 10. xd3 c8?

Once was not enough: he wants to try the same thing with the queen on a6!

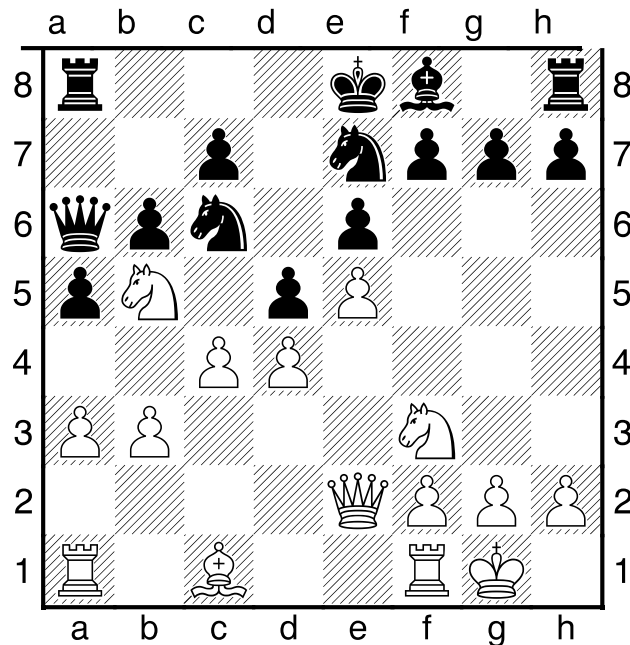
11.c4 ♘a6

11...♔a6 12.♘c3 c6 13.♘g5 h6 14.♔h3 dxc4 15.♘xe6! fxe6
16.♔xe6 ♔c8 17.♔xc4 is just winning.

12.♘c3 ♘b4

12...c6 13.♙d2

13.♔e2 ♔a6 14.a3 ♘bc6 15.♘b5!



Black is lost. White is playing a middle game, and black is still stuck trying to develop.

15...♔b7 16.♙b2

I cannot now recall why I thought that the bishop was better on b2. 16.♙d2

16...♘a7 17.♘c3!

The knight on a7 is worthless—why bother to exchange it?

17...c6

He is trying desperately to keep the position closed but he is so far behind in development that he really can't put up much of a defense.

18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 ♘f5

Black is finally getting his pieces out. But the rest of the game demonstrates what superior development can accomplish. Once the position opened up, black was doomed.

20.b5!

You need "levers" (as Hans Kmoch termed such ideas in his *Pawn Power in Chess*) to open positions. The more the merrier.

20...cxb5

20...dxc4 21.♔xc4 ♘xb5 22.♖xa8+ ♔xa8 23.♘xb5 cxb5
24.♔xb5+ ♔d8 25.♔xb6+ ♔e8 26.♖a1+-

**21.cxd5! b4 22.♘b5 exd5 23.♖fc1 ♘xb5 24.♔xb5+ ♔d8
25.♖xa8+ ♔xa8 26.♔xb6+ ♔e8 27.♔b5+ ♔d8 28.♖a1!
♔c8 29.♔xd5+ ♔d7 30.♖a8+ It's mate in two. 1-0**

But, Omaha was still Omaha, a long way from the chess centers, so I decided to spend the summer with my mother in Chicago and test the chess waters there.

That summer, Chicago had a plethora of extremely strong players. At the top of the lists was 19 year-old Greg Defotis. Greg would participate in the US Championship with a more than respectable +1. He also twice tied for first in the US Junior Invitational, and played internationally on the US Student Team, and was invited to be a member of the USCF Olympic team.

But he wasn't the only one. Andrew Karklins twice played in the US Invitational and had an even score in 1973. Richard Verber had played on the US Student Team three times and twice turned down invitations to the US Championship. Ed Formanek became an international master and played in the top section of the Hastings International when it was still an invitational.

The experts weren't too shabby either. Craig Chellstorp jumped from 2150 to 2450 in under two years. Morris Giles would drop out of chess for ten years and return to flirt with a 2500 rating until his untimely death. And then there was me.

I played almost all summer long, and there was good and bad. One of the high moments.

Tomas,John – Dorman,Peter

Midwest Chess Congress, Chicago (2), 29.05.1971

Sicilian Defense B78

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.f3
♙g7 7.♙e3 ♘c6 8.♚d2 0-0 9.♙c4

Dorman was Wisconsin State Champion that year.

9...♙d7 10.0-0-0 ♖c8 11.♙b3 :008 11...♘e5 12.♔b1
♘c4 13.♙xc4 ♖xc4 14.g4 ♚b8

This idea is why he avoided the normal Dragon lines. There are positions from the Modern or the King's Indian where this is a viable idea, but, I don't think it is here. The queen and rook remain out of play the whole game.

15.h4 :018

15.♘b3!? b5 16.e5 ♘e8 17.♘d5 is another approach.

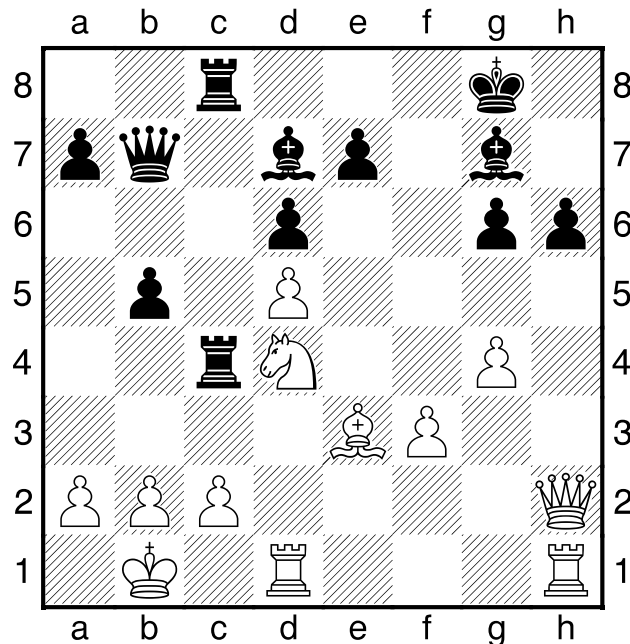
15...♖fc8 017 16.h5 :024 16...b5 :053 17.hxg6 :027

17...fxg6 :064 18.♘d5! :033 To eliminate black's best defender.

18...♘xd5 19.exd5 ♚b7?! 20.♚h2! :044

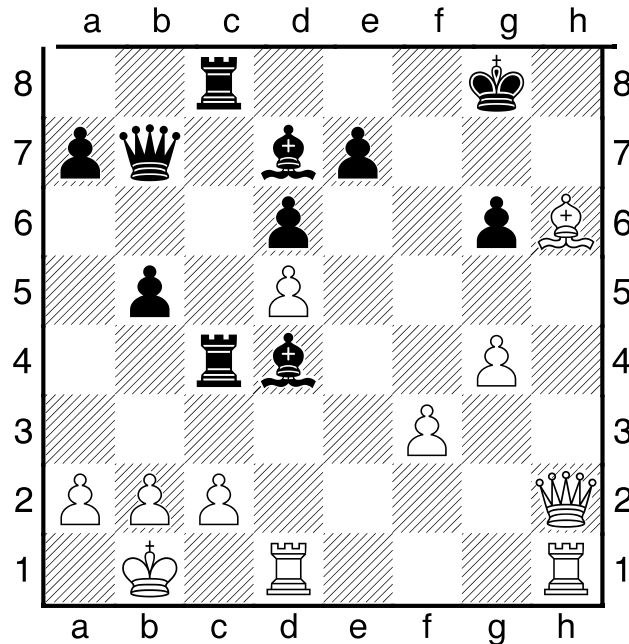
I spent the time analyzing the coming sac.

20...h6? :084



You don't play such a move if you believe that the coming sacrifice is sound. Instead, he might play 20...h5 21.gxh5
♚xd5 22.hxg6 ♔f8 23.b3 ♖xd4 24.♙xd4 e5 25.♙e3 ♚e6
26.♚h7 ♚e7 27.♙h6

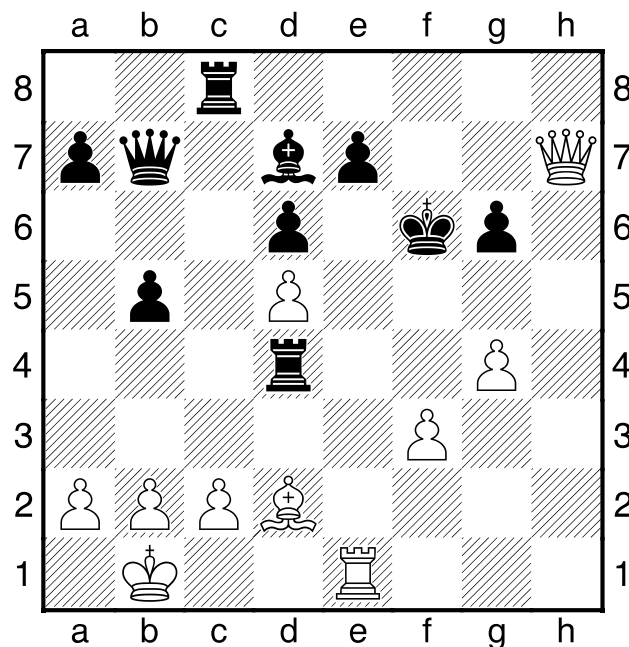
21. ♖xh6! :069 21... ♖xd4



22. ♖xd4! ♖xd4 23. ♖d2

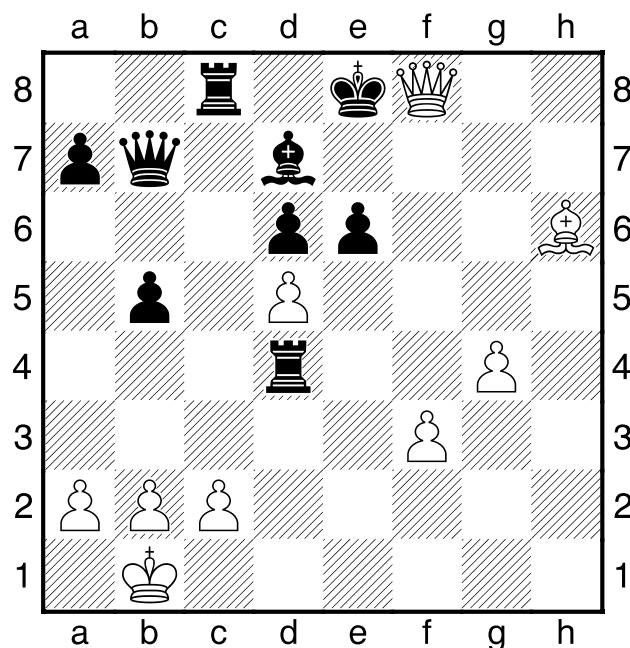
Around this time I looked up from the game to find to find most of the strong players following the game with attention.

23... ♖f7 24. ♖h7+ ♖f6 25. ♖e1!



A lovely move that Peter clearly had missed. It forces Black to return all his material. When I thought about my 21st move I saw this far and stopped analyzing believing that he was lost. **BUT** 25. ♖h6!! ♖e5 26. ♖f7! e6 27. ♖h5+!! gxh5 28. ♖xh5+ ♖f6 29. ♖g5+ ♖f7 30. ♖g7+

♔e8 31.♙f8# That would have been very, very nice. But I didn't see it, and neither did any of the top players who participated in the post-mortem. As they say, when you see a strong move, look for better.



25...♙xg4 Forced **26.fxg4 ♖xd5 27.g5+ ♖xg5** Also forced
28.♙xg5+ ♔xg5 29.♖g1+ ♔f4 30.♙f7+ ♔e3 31.♖g3+ ♔d4
32.♙f2+ 1-0.

He loses the queen.

One of my most satisfying victories. Dorman spent most of the rest of the tournament trying to find a way out. The game was awarded the brilliancy prize.

I was generally happy with my play in this tournament, but the experience also chastened me. For the first time I started to appreciate how strong and knowledgeable my near contemporaries were, and I wondered whether I had it in me to compete.

But, there was another tournament the next weekend, with mostly the same cast of characters, and I did even better than the previous week by finishing in a three-way first-place tie with Morris Giles and Craig Chellstorp. The final round pitted the three 2100 players against three 2400 players: Greg Defotis, Ed Formanek, and Andrew Karklins. My contribution to the final result was to beat Karklins in a very nice game that, alas, has gone the way of

quite a few of my best games. I had the distinct pleasure of turning down a draw offer. Maybe I could play with these guys!

Two weeks later, there was another tournament, without masters this time, and I was the top-ranked expert. Incidentally, another future IM also played and won. Larry Evans was often known as Larry (the other) Evans to distinguish him from his namesake, Larry Evans the grandmaster and several-time national champion. But then we knew him as “rook-up” Evans (his endgame play was so bad that he had to be a rook up before he could win).

But this was not to be my weekend. I was paired with a 1500 player in the first round and quickly won a piece. I determined to try to win it as accurately as possible and reached a position where a short combination would win even more material. But I played Ne7 saying check, and my opponent looked strangely at me and said “It isn’t check.” So, it wasn’t, and he proceeded to mate me on the back rank.

In those immortal words, “Stuff happens.” Some of the strongest players in the world, including world champions, have lost very quickly (under 15 moves). But they shrugged those losses off. Nobody is perfect, and those players had learned that good players have very short memories for their losses.

But I hadn’t, and it ruined the rest of my Chicago chess summer. I had lost my mo-jo: spent enormous amounts of time repeating calculations and regularly got into time trouble. I avoided complications like the plague, and took draws against much weaker players and quickly lost the master’s rating I had earned after I had defeated Andrew Karklins. I didn’t lose many games, but neither did I win many.

The year ended where it had started: three draws in Kansas City and a loss and a draw in the Midwest Open. When I returned for my second year of grad school, I had been

appointed to the Executive Committee of the Graduate School, was teaching three courses and taking three and I had acquired a girl friend who was very much high maintenance. I had, in other words, more or less become an adult, and we all know what that does to your chess.

But still. . .

Tomas,John - Jones,Ken (1818)

Loose Park Open (Kansas City) (5), 07.11.1971

Sicilian Defense B99

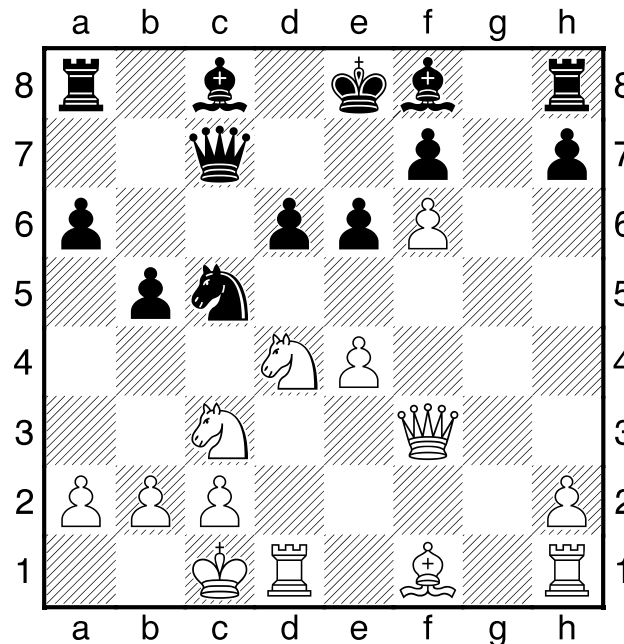
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♙g5 e6 7.f4 ♙e7 8.♚f3 ♚c7 9.0-0-0 ♘bd7 10.g4 b5 11.♙xf6 ♘xf6 12.g5 ♘d7 13.f5!

This has replaced 13.a3 which allowed serious counterplay after ♖b8.

13...♘c5?!

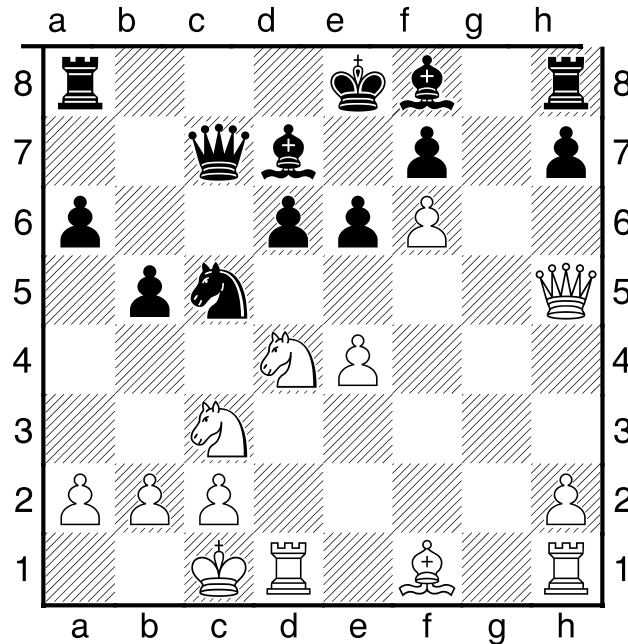
In his excellent monograph *Play the Najdorf Sicilian*, International Master Jim Rizzitano (Rizz the Whiz!) indicates that this is preferable to 13...♙xg5. But, I've done some work on the resulting positions, and I think Black can equalize there.

14.f6 gxf6 15.gxf6 ♙f8



This is still considered the main line some 40+ years after it was first introduced. Nowadays, they tend to play ♖g1 h5 17.♙h3, but my move was all the rage in 1971!

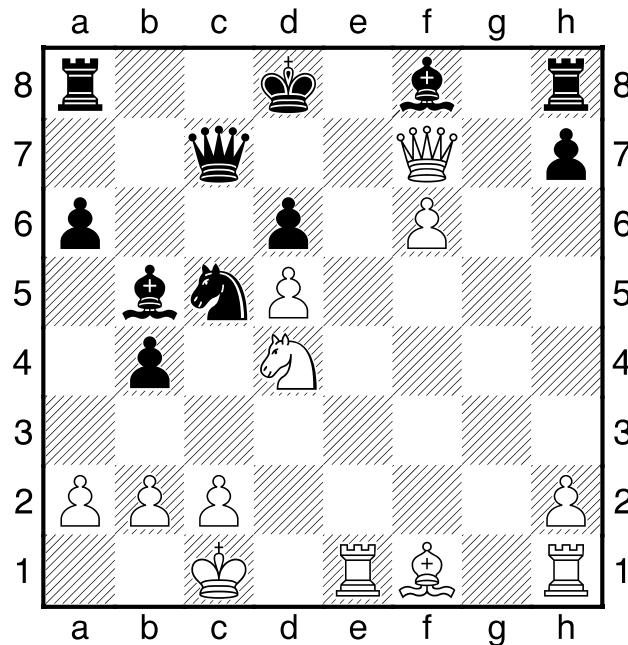
16. ♔h5 b4? :029 I lost a game to future IM Elliott Winslow in this line after 16... ♙d7 earlier in the year, so I had spent some time analyzing the position and was rather eager to test my preparation.



17. ♘d5! exd5 18. exd5 ♙d7 19. ♖e1+ :017 19... ♔d8 20. ♔xf7?!

I forgot my preparation. What I had intended to play was 20. ♔b1! ♙e8 21. ♙h3 with a lot of compensation for the piece.

20... ♙b5?



20...♙h6+! 21.♔b1 ♕e8 22.♚xc7+ ♔xc7 23.f7 ♕d7
 24.♘e6+ ♔b6 allows white enough for his piece but no more.

21.♚e7!! :040

Once in high school at Creighton Prep, a teacher asked me to explain intuition to a class, figuring that as a strong chess player I had it. I had to explain that I didn't play chess that way, that I won because I worked harder than the other fellow. But this is a perfect example of intuition at work. It's not a hard move to find -- Every titled player I've shown the position to has found the idea immediately. But I saw the whole thing, from beginning to end with sub-variations, instantly. And though I spent 10 minutes checking the position, (away from the board, I was too excited to sit at the board) I could have played it all immediately.

21...♕xe7

21...♚b6 22.♕xb5 ♕h6+ 23.♔b1 axb5 24.♚he1;
 21...♕h6+ 22.♔b1 ♚f8 23.♕xb5 ♚xf7 (On 23...axb5 white plays 24.♚xh7! which is even better than the winning exchange-up ending that occurs after. 24.♚xc7 ♚xf7 25.♚xf7 24...♚b6 25.♘c6+ ♔c8 26.♚f5+ ♘d7 27.♚xd7 1-0
 21...♕d7 This is the line I spent the most time on, but I stopped my analysis in a couple of exchange up endings figuring that with queens on the board I had to be winning. Still, this might have been his best chance since I had completely worked the game continuation.

22.♘e6+ ♘xe6 23.dxe6 ♕xe7 24.♚xe7+ ♔c8 25.exd7+ ♔b8 (25...♚xd7 26.♚e4 ♔c7 27.♚g1) 26.♕g2 b3
 27.axb3 ♚a7 28.f7 ♚xd7 29.f8♚+ ♚xf8 30.♚xf8+ ♔c7

22.♕xb5 axb5 23.fxe7+ ♔c8 24.e8♚+

24.♘xb5 ♚d7 25.♚e1 ♚e8 26.♘xd6+ ♔c7 27.♘xe8+ ♚xe8 28.d6+ ♔b6

24...♚xe8 25.♚xe8+ ♔b7 26.♚xb5+

I stopped analyzing when I reached this position.

26...♚b6 27.♚e1 ♚c8?!

27...♚xb5 28.♘xb5 ♚d8 29.♚e8 ♚d7 30.♔d2 ♔b6 31.c4

bxc3+ 32. ♖xc3 with an easily won ending.

28. ♖e7+ ♜c7 29. ♖xc7+ ♔xc7 30. ♘e6+ ♘xe6 31. ♚xb6+ ♚xb6 32. dxe6 1-0

Ken Jones, who went on to become a strong master, did me the honor of publishing the game in the *Missouri Chess Bulletin*. My girlfriend, who lived in Kansas City, had come down with me. I was to meet her parents before we drove back to Omaha, and this game put me in a good mood for our dinner.

About Mr. John Tomas . . .

John was the Nebraska High School Champion from 1962 to 1966. He won the Nebraska State Championship in 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970. John was the Omaha City Champion in 1971 and 1972. He won the U.S. Amateur Championship in 1981. John was a rated chess Master from 1981 to 1993. He is winner of many chess journalist awards and is currently living in Chicago.

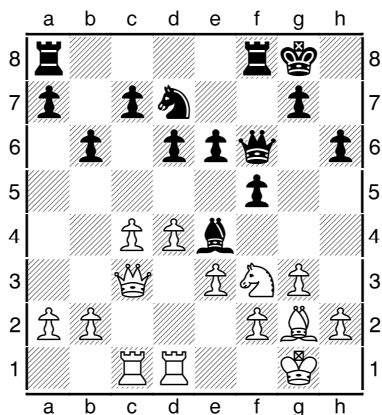
Featured Game

The following game was played in the 2014 River City Roundup Team Chess Tournament in Omaha, NE in September, 2014. It featured White who was an experienced, old chessplayer versus Black who was a very, very talented youngster & the 2014 Nebraska State Chess Co-Champion. (The players were 60 years apart in age but both are very dedicated to the game of chess!!)

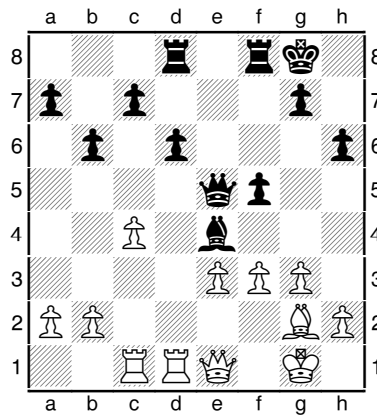
WHITE (R. Woodworth)

BLACK (Joseph Wan)

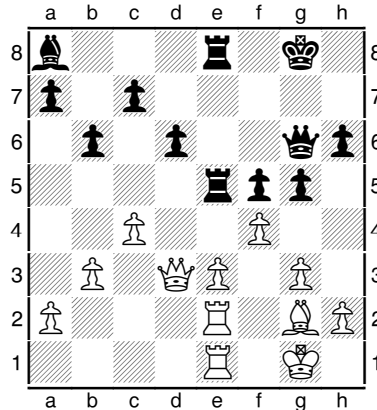
1.d4 e6 (Inviting White to play a French Def.) **2.c4 b6** **3.Nf3 Bb7** (It's a Queen's Indian instead.) **4.Nc3 f5** (An aggressive variation with a Black strongpoint on White's e4 square.) **5.g3 Bb4** (Pinning a defender of the e4 square increasing Black's grip on the square.) **6.Bg2 Nf6** **7.0-0 0-0** **8.Bg5 h6?** (After the game, Joseph stated that 8.Bxc3 was better here by ruining White's queen-side pawn structure.) **9.Bxf6** (Removing a piece attacking e4 but 9. Bd2 was probably best here.) **Qxf6** **10.Qb3** (A great multi-purpose move i.e. attacking the bishop, defending the knight on c3 & clearing the d1 square for a rook.) **Bxc3** **11.Qxc3 d6** (Taking the good e5-square from White.) **12.Rfd1** **Be4** **13.e3 Nd7** **14.Rac1** Please see diagram below.



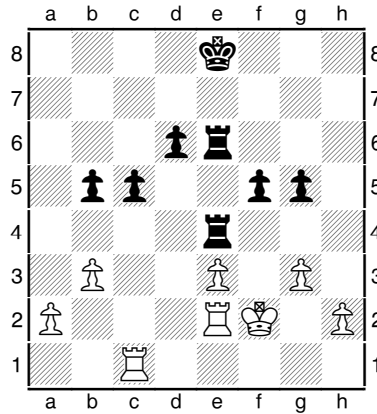
(White felt good here as his development is complete & there are no opening-stage problems.) **Rad8** **15.Qe1?** 15.b4 is better by expanding White's queen-side.) **e5** **16.dxe5 Nxe5** **17.Nxe5 Qxe5** (17.Bxg2 is better here for now White has an interesting tactic to play.) **18.f3!** Please see the next diagram.



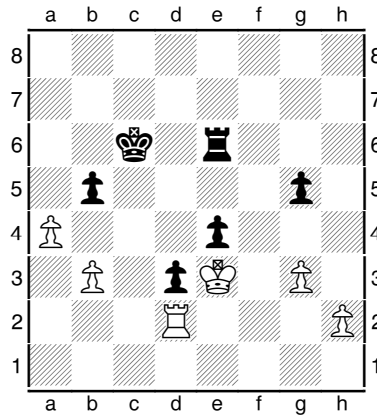
18. Ba8 (If 18. Bb7 then 19. f4 wins a piece! Black could have played 18.Bc6 and after 19. f4, Black plays 19.Qe8 defending the bishop) **19.Qc3** (Re-developing and protecting the b2-pawn and the weak e3-square.) **Qe6** **20.Re1** (Overprotecting the weak e3-pawn.) **Rde8** **21.Rcd1** (21.b3 better here to protect the c4-pawn.) **Re7** **22.b3** **g5** **23.Qd4** (Centralizing the queen) **Qg6** **24.Rd2** **Qh5** (Threatening to win the f3-pawn.) **25.Rf2** **Qg6** **26.Rfe2** **Rfe8** **27.Qd3** (Preventing 27.f4) **Re5** **28.f4** Please see the diagram below.



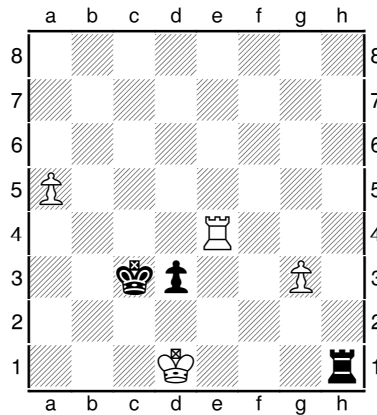
(Good pawn break?!? Not sure for it leaves a backward & weak e-pawn) **Be4** **29.Bxe4** **Rxe4** **30.Qd5+** (Black was threatening 30.gxf4 etc.) **Qf7** **31.Qxf7+** (& White offered a draw here which was declined.) **Kxf7** **32.fxg5** (Isolating White's e-pawn which isn't good.) **hxxg5** **33.Kf2** **Kg6** **34.Kf3** **Kf6** **35.Kf2** (Black now has a better position with his rooks aggressively placed & White's e-pawn is weak.) **R8e6** **36.Kf3** **a6** **37.Kf2** **Kf7** **38.Kf3** **Ke8** **39.Kf2** (White continues his waiting maneuvers.) **b5** **40.cxb5** **axb5** **41.Rc1** **41.c5** See next diagram.



(Black is very aggressive & White is just marking time waiting for counter-play.) **42.Rc3 Kd7 43.Rcc2 Kc6 44.Kf3 d5 45.Rcd2 d4** (To create a passed d-pawn.) **46.exd4 cxd4 47.a4 d3 48.Rxe4 fxe4+** (Gives Black a very strong, centrally connected pawn position!) **49.Ke3** Diagram below.



(Hoping to blockade the position?!) **bxa4 50.bxa4 g4 51.a5 Kd5 52.Rb2** (Seeking counterplay) **Rf6 53.Rb5+ Kc4 54.Rg5 Rd6 55.Kd2** (White now was very short on time & was playing on the 5-sec. delay mode only.) **Rh6 56.Rxg4 Rxh2+ 57.Kd1 Kc3!** (Threatening checkmate.) **58.Rxe4 Rh1+** Final diagram below.



(The White King is now on his deathbed for if 59.Re1 then 59.Rxe1+ followed by 60.Kc2 etc.) 59. Resigns & simultaneously overstepping the time-limit. 0-1

Looking back on this game, possibly White should have been more aggressive on Black's weakened king-side & not trading queens on his 31st move. It is a good example of drifting into a passive position with no active counterplay & a weak pawn-structure against a very good positional player. But, as they say, "hindsight is always 20-20". Black played a very good ending and took excellent advantage of White's passive endgame play. In summary, it was good to play against a State Chess Champion and your writer wishes him all the very best in his future chess adventures!!

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Tournament Results



2015 Lincoln City co-Champions
Joe Knapp & John Linscott

The 2015 Lincoln City Championship							
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	J. Knapp	1986	W 14	W 4	D 5	W 6	3.5
2	J. Linscott	1857	W 18	D 6	W 7	W 5	3.5
3	G. Revesz	1767	D 13	W 17	D 10	W 15	3.0
4	J. Stepp	1770	W 22	L 1	W 19	W 14	3.0
5	K. Nelson	1800	W 19	W 21	D 1	L 2	2.5
6	J. Hartmann	1777	W 20	D 2	W 9	L 1	2.5
7	D. Raines	1758	W 16	W 11	L 2	H	2.5
8	H. Le	1305	D 10	L 9	W 22	W 18	2.5
9	R. Hux	1900	D 17	W 8	L 6	H	2.0
10	T. Dutiel	1850	D 8	D 13	D 3	D 11	2.0
11	S. Cusumano	1847	W 15	L 7	D 13	D 10	2.0
12	J. Slominski	1818	H	U	W 17	D 13	2.0
13	Y. Tan	Unr	D 3	D 10	D 11	D 12	2.0
14	J. Reigenborn	1636	L 1	W 22	W 21	L 4	2.0
15	W. Osborne	1474	L 11	W 16	W 18	L 3	2.0
16	T. Mastny	Unr	L 7	L 15	W 20	W 19	2.0
17	R. Kappel	1633	D 9	L 3	L 12	W 21	1.5
18	J. Trine	1154	L 2	W 20	L 15	L 8	1.0
19	J. Tran	974	L 5	B	L 4	L 16	1.0
20	Ca. Carrillo	Unr	L 6	L 18	L 16	W 22	1.0
21	P. Carrillo	248p5	B	L 5	L 14	L 17	1.0
22	Cl. Carrillo	Unr	L 4	L 14	L 8	L 20	0-0

The 2015 Midwest Open								
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	R. Keating	2209	W 28	W23	D 3	W 5	W 10	4.5
2	B. Holliman	2202	W 40	W 26	W 8	H	H	4.0
3	J. Wan	2115	W 24	W 30	D 1	D 4	W 13	4.0
4	J. Knapp	1994	W 32	W 19	H	D 3	W 12	4.0
5	K. Tyagi	2200	W 14	W 16	W 7	L 1	H	3.5
6	B. Fabrikant	2041	W 18	D 29	W 20	L 10	W 15	3.5
7	M. Hajiarbabi	1887	W 31	W 39	L 5	W 23	D 9	3.5
8	S. Cusumano	1841	W 34	W 42	L 2	H	W 22	3.5
9	T. Dutiel	1832	H	W 38	W 28	H	D 7	3.5
10	J. Hartmann	1786	W 33	D 11	W 25	W 6	L 1	3.5
11	L. Fee	1923	W 38	D 10	H	D 22	D 19	3.0
12	F. Whitsell	1864	L 19	W 31	W 30	W 29	L 4	3.0
13	A. Suresh	1853	W 44	L 20	W 26	W 16	L 3	3.0
14	I. Blokhin	1842	L 5	D 33	W 42	D 20	W 27	3.0
15	J. Slominski	1826	D 25	W 37	H	W 18	L 6	3.0
16	C. Forsman	1802	W 21	L 5	W 39	L 39	W 32	3.0
17	M. Kende	1816	H	L 25	W 33	W 34	D 20	3.0
18	I. Koeppe	1740	L 6	W 35	W 27	L 15	W 29	3.0
19	M. Buckley	1679	W 12	L 4	H	W 25	D 11	3.0
20	G. Wirka	1509	W 27	W 13	L 6	D 14	D 17	3.0
21	J. McMillen	1403	L 16	L 22	W 38	W 28	W 30	3.0
22	T. Gaul	1863	L 39	W 21	W 24	D 11	L 8	2.5

The 2015 Midwest Open								
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
23	Y. Tan	1815	W 41	L 1	W 32	L 7	D 24	2.5
24	P. Thomas	1785	L 3	W 41	L 22	W 36	D 23	2.5
25	J. Carini	1575	D 15	W 17	L 10	L 19	W 37	2.5
26	K. Nelson	1800	W 35	L 2	L 13	H	H	2.0
27	M. Williams	1820	L 20	W 44	L 18	W 31	L 14	2.0
28	H. Nam	1812	L 1	W 43	L 9	L 21	W 39	2.0
29	D. Sayler	1790	W 43	D 6	H	L 12	L 18	2.0
30	M. Takahashi	1795	W 36	L 3	L 12	W 43	L 21	2.0
31	J. Ward	1722	L 7	L 12	W 41	L 27	W 43	2.0
32	K. Hajiarbabi	1710	L 4	W 36	L 23	W42	L 16	2.0
33	M. Mills	Unr	L 10	D 14	L 17	W 40	D 34	2.0
34	J. Solheim	1594	L 8	W 40	H	L 17	D 33	2.0
35	H. Le	1343	L 26	L 18	H	D 38	W 42	2.0
36	T. Mastny	1223	L 30	L 32	B	L 24	W 41	2.0
37	D. Raines	1768	H	L 15	D 40	H	L 25	1.5
38	R. Anderson	1727	L 11	L 9	L 21	D 35	B	1.5
39	B. Lyons	1486	W 22	L 7	L 16	H	L 28	1.5
40	J. Fitzpatrick	1787	L 2	L 34	D 37	L 33	H	1.0
41	S. Behrens	1471	L 23	L 24	L 31	B	L 36	1.0
42	J. Smokowski	1354	B	L 8	L 14	L 32	L 35	1.0
43	S. Rajjan	1224	L 29	L 28	X	L 30	L 31	1.0
44	T. Leacock	1682	L 13	L 27	F	U	U	0-0

The 6th Spence G-40 was held in Omaha on July 6th and ended on July 13th. The Open section drew 7 players and was won by Abhinav Suresh with a perfect 4-0 score. John Hartmann directed.

No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	A. Suresh	1858	W 6	W 2	W 4	W 3	4.0
2	S. Cusumano	1860	W 3	L 1	W 5	W 4	3.0
3	S. Look	1638	L 2	W 5	W 6	L 2	2.0
4	M. Williams	1800	D 5	W 6	L 1	L 2	1.5
5	S. Behrens	1424	D 4	L 3	L 2	D 6	1.0
6	J. Hartmann	1852	L 1	L 4	L 3	D 5	0.5
7	M. Dreiger	2079	U	U	U	U	0-0

The 6th Spence Quick was held on July 20th in Omaha. This event drew 10 players and featured a time control of G/12;d3. The clear winner was A. Suresh with 4.5 out of 5 points. Steve Cusumano was clear second with a 4-1 score. John Hartmann directed this event also.

No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	A. Suresh	1876	W 4	W 5	W 2	W 7	D 6	4.5
2	S. Cusumano	1813	W 9	W 6	L 1	W 3	W 7	4.0
3	T. Dutiel	1736	H	D 7	W 4	L 2	W 9	3.0
4	M. Mills	1638/p5	L 1	W 10	L 3	W 9	W 8	3.0
5	S. Behrens	1451	B	L 1	W 8	L 6	W 10	3.0
6	J. Hartmann	1715	W 10	L 2	L 7	W 5	D 1	2.5
7	M. Buckley	1519	W 8	D 3	W 6	L 1	L 2	2.5
8	M. Williams	1703	L 7	W 9	L 5	W 10	L 4	2.0
9	S. Look	1689	L 2	L 8	W 10	L 4	L 3	1.0
10	M. Carney	1592	L 6	L 4	L 9	L 8	L 5	0-0

The 2015 State Games of America was held on August 1st and 2nd in Lincoln. The event drew 90 players in 4 sections and was directed by Mike Gooch. Open Section results are given below.

No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	T. O'Connor	1894	W 16	D 9	H	W 5	W 7	4.0
2	H. Nam	1802	W 5	W 8	D 7	W 10	D 3	4.0
3	N. Reeves	1867	W 13	W 18	W 11	D 4	D 2	4.0
4	K. Nelson	1800	X	D 7	W 9	D 3	D 6	3.5
5	J. Easton	2124	L 2	W 16	W 18	L 1	W 14	3.0
6	J. Ellis	1900	L 18	W 13	W 12	D 8	D 4	3.0
7	J. Linscott	1875	W 12	D 4	D 2	W 14	L 1	3.0
8	S. Cusumano	1839	X	L 2	W 15	D 6	D 9	3.0
9	Y. Tan	1803	W 15	D 1	L 4	W 18	D 8	3.0
10	J. Hartmann	1789	H	D 14	W 17	L 3	W 15	3.0
11	T. Dutiel	1826	W 19	W 17	L 3	U	U	2.0
12	B. Qian	1666	L 7	W 19	L 6	L 15	W 17	2.0
13	J. Davidson	1530	L 3	L 6	W 19	D 17	D 16	2.0
14	H. Le	1378	H	D 10	W 16	L 7	L 5	2.0
15	R. Trosclair	1399	L 9	B	L 8	W 12	L 10	2.0
16	K. Motschman	1643	L 1	L 5	L 14	W 19	D 13	1.5
17	T. Easton	1160	B	L 11	L 10	D 13	L 12	1.5
18	J. Stepp	1737	W 6	L 3	L 5	L 9	U	1.0
19	J. McMillen	1474	L 11	L 12	L 13	L 16	B	1.0
20	A. Mallela	2125	F	U	U	U	U	0-0
21	S. Boehr	1548	F	U	U	U	U	0-0

The 2015 State Games of America Reserve Section								
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	H. Singh	1717	W 27	W 21	W 9	W 4	W 7	5.0
2	D. Brilita	Unr	W 26	W 19	W 8	D 3	W 9	4.5
3	D. McFarland	1632	X	D 7	W 5	D 2	W 8	4.0
4	V. Vancsa	1435	X	W 31	W 15	L 1	W 10	4.0
5	L. Harvey	1707	W 24	D 22	L 3	W 20	W 16	3.5
6	J. Boeder	1491	D 16	W 18	W 22	L 7	W 15	3.5
7	D. Dostal	1314	W 20	D 3	W 19	W 6	L 1	3.5
8	P. McNeely	1601	W 29	W 12	L 2	W 13	L 3	3.0
9	E. Bui	1424	W 13	W 10	L 1	W 17	L 2	3.0
10	K. Blackburn	Unr	W 28	L 9	W 24	W 21	L 4	3.0
11	K. Nguyen	1156	F	L 17	W 30	W 19	W 18	3.0
12	S. Rajjan	1221	W 18	L 8	L 17	W 25	W 24	3.0
13	C. Dejong	1089	L 9	W 23	W 32	L 8	W 21	3.0
14	A. Kaur	989	L 19	W 27	L 21	W 28	W 23	3.0
15	A. Wegener	1605	W 30	W 32	L 4	D 16	L 6	2.5
16	E. Weitz	1090	D 6	D 26	W 31	D 15	L 5	2.5
17	C. Province	1010	L 21	W 11	W 12	L 9	D 22	2.5
18	K. Smotherman	1726	L 12	L 6	W 26	W 22	L 11	2.0
19	S. Behrens	1445	W 14	L 2	L 7	L 11	W 29	2.0
20	J. Helm	Unr	L 7	W 30	W 28	L 5	U	2.0
21	J. Braden	1405	W 17	L 1	W 14	L 10	L 13	2.0
22	M. Turner	1377	X	D 5	L 6	L 18	D 17	2.0

The 2015 State Games of America Junior Section						
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	D. Nguyen	1535	W 3	W 4	W 2	3.0
2	D. Schlautman	1034	W 4	W 3	L 1	2.0
3	J. Balaberda	813	L 1	L 2	W 4	1.0
4	S. Erb	817	L 2	L 1	L 3	0-0

The 2015 State Games of America Reserve Section								
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
23	A. Wolzen	1295	L 31	L 13	W 29	W 32	L 14	2.0
24	Jim McFarland	1162	L 5	W 25	L 10	W 31	L 12	2.0
25	N. Sekar	954	F	L 24	X	L 12	W 28	2.0
26	B. Houser	1372	L 2	D 16	L 18	L 27	W 32	1.5
27	B. Connor	1285	L 1	L 14	F	W 26	U	1.0
28	M. Rieck	1359	L 10	W 29	L 20	L 14	L 25	1.0
29	M. Williams	1115	L 8	L 28	L 23	W 30	L 19	1.0
30	J. Trine	1140	L 15	L 20	L 11	L 29	B	1.0
31	J. Lee	Unr	W 23	L 4	L 16	L 24	U	1.0
32	M. Dill	584	B	L 15	L 13	L 23	L 26	1.0

The 2015 State Games of America Scholastic Section								
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	E. Giri	754	W 22	W 20	W 5	W 12	W 4	5.0
2	D. Le	848	W 27	W 19	L 4	W 11	W 10	4.0
3	D. Duong	750	L 6	W 26	W 7	W 19	W12	4.0
4	V. Kumar	525	W 28	W 6	W 2	W 8	L 1	4.0
5	C. Jackson	501	W 16	W 17	L 1	W 13	W 8	4.0
6	K. Villa	164	W 3	L 4	W 29	W 22	W16	4.0
7	O. Hill	Unr	D 26	W 21	L 3	W 17	W 15	3.5
8	J. Morris	827	X	W 9	W 11	L 4	L 5	3.0
9	B. Qian	595	W 31	L 8	W 24	F	W 21	3.0
10	A. Nelson	544	W 14	W 13	L 12	X	L 21	3.0
11	N. Kumar	493	W 23	W 24	L 8	L 2	W 20	3.0
12	H. Subley	317	W 30	W 15	W 10	L 1	L 3	3.0
13	J. Kaur	386	W 33	L 10	W 23	L 5	W 19	3.0
14	L. Howe	134	L 10	W 25	L 15	W 30	W 26	3.0
15	C. Shively	521	W 29	L 12	W 14	D 16	L 7	2.5
16	J. Vallejo	Unr	L 5	W 33	W 20	D 15	L 6	2.5
17	C. Morris	Unr	W 21	L 5	D 22	L 7	W 27	2.5
18	I. Goponenko	Unr	L 19	L 22	W 33	D 27	W 28	2.5
19	S. Stolz	442	W 18	L 2	W 28	L 3	L 13	2.0
20	D. Wilson	422	W 25	L 1	L 16	W 24	L 11	2.0
21	C. Meyer	239	L 17	L 7	W 26	W 29	L 9	2.0
22	K. Villa	186	L 1	W 18	D 17	L 6	D 23	2.0

The 2015 State Games of America Scholastic Section								
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
23	S. Lange	Unr	L 11	W 27	L 13	D 28	D 22	2.0
24	I. Tan	101	B	L 11	L 9	L 20	W 29	2.0
25	K. Smith	Unr	L 20	L 14	L 27	X	X	2.0
26	S. Tan	303	D 7	L 3	L 21	W 31	L 14	1.5
27	B. Meyer	217	L 2	L 23	W 25	D 18	L 17	1.5
28	M. Howe	105	L 4	W 31	L 19	D 23	L 18	1.5
29	H. Hill	Unr	L 15	W 30	L 6	L 21	L 24	1.0
30	T. Schlueter	Unr	L 12	L 29	W 31	L 14	F	1.0
31	B. Aaronson	Unr	L 9	L 28	L 30	L 26	B	1.0
32	S. Wilson	208	F	U	U	U	U	0-0
33	S. Ganesh	Unr	L 13	L 16	L 18	F	U	0-0



2015 Midwest Open

Chess superstar., **Abhinav Suresh** is on the left, along with 3 time Nebraska State Champion, **Ben Fabrikant**.

The UNO August event was held on 8/22/15 and drew 32 players in 4 sections. This event was directed by Drew Thyden with assistance from John Hartmann.

The Under 1000 section is given below.

No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	E. Giri	839	L 3	W 14	W 11	W 6	W 5	4.0
2	J. Morris	767	W 13	L 5	W 12	W 10	W 3	4.0
3	J. Tran	877	W 1	W 6	W 10	D 5	L 2	3.5
4	T. Richardson	666	D 5	W 8	L 6	W 7	W 12	3.5
5	T. Hguyen	936	D 4	W 2	W 7	D 3	L 1	3.0
6	James Park	883	W 14	L 3	W 4	L 1	W 10	3.0
7	Joshua Park	873	D 8	W 9	L 5	L 4	W 11	2.5
8	C. Shafer	454	D 7	L 4	W 9	L 12	W 14	2.5
9	N. Kumar	511	H	L 7	L 8	W 14	W 13	2.5
10	C. Pecka	922	W 12	W 11	L 3	L 2	L 6	2.0
11	D. Le	830	X	L 10	L 1	W 13	L 7	2.0
12	David Park	640	L 10	L 13	L 2	W 8	L 4	2.0
13	R. Fichadia	319	L 2	L 12	W 14	L 11	L 9	1.0
14	C. Jackson	627	L 6	L 1	L 13	L 9	L 8	0-0

UNO August Quad A						
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	A. Suresh	1881	W 4	W 3	W 2	3.0
2	N. Lacroix	1506	W 3	W 4	L 1	2.0
3	S. Cusumano	1830	L 2	L 1	W 4	1.0
4	M. Williams	1800	L 1	L 2	L 3	0-0

UNO August Quad B						
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	B. Lyons	1513	W 6	D 5	D 4	2.0
2	D. Dostal	1475	L 3	W 6	W 5	2.0
3	K. Nguyen	1286	L 2	L 4	W 6	2.0
4	H. Lee	1449	L 5	W 3	D 1	1.5
5	S. Rajjan	1266	W 4	D 1	L 2	1.5
6	A. Wolzen	1220	L 1	L 2	L 3	0-0

UNO August Under 600 section								
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Joseph Park	450	W 7	W 2	W 3	W 4	W 6	5.0
2	J. Tran	532	W 8	L 1	W 6	W 3	W 5	4.0
3	C. Morris	395	W 5	W 4	L 1	L 2	W 7	3.0
4	S. Tan	268	H	L 3	L 4	W 8	L 2	2.5
5	W. Overfield	Unr	L 3	W 7	L 4	W 8	L 2	2.0
6	I. Tan	143	H	W 8	L 2	D 7	L 1	2.0
7	I. Goponenko	218	L 1	L 5	W 8	D 6	L 3	1.5
8	Isabella Park	106	L 2	L 6	L 7	L 5	L 4	0-0

The 7th Swiss Open was held at the Jack Spence chess club from August 3rd to August 24th with one game per week on Mondays. This event drew 12 players in 2 sections and was directed by John Hartmann. Section 1 results are given below.

No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	C. Forsman	1808	W 4	W 6	W 5	D 2	3.5
2	J. Hartmann	1771	W 7	D 5	W 6	D 1	3.0
3	R. Opavsky	1782	L 5	H	W 9	W 8	2.5
4	D. Raines	1732	L 1	W 9	W 8	D 5	2.5
5	M. Cusumano	1806	W 3	D 2	L 1	D 4	2.0
6	M. Williams	1800	W 8	L 1	L 2	W 7	2.0
7	S. Look	1683	L 2	L 8	B	L 6	1.0
8	M. Mills	1683	L 6	W 7	L 4	L 3	1.0
9	S. Behrens	1408	B	L 4	L 3	U	1.0

Filler Section					
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Tot
1	C. Caniglia	1837	L 2	W 3	1.0
2	T. Dutiel	1817	W 1	U	1.0
3	A. Suresh	1909	U	L 1	0-0

The UNO September was held on the 9th and drew 29 players in 4 sections. This monthly event was directed by Drew Thyden.

The Under 1000 section is given below.

No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	U. H. Harding	1018	W 9	W 8	W 2	W 6	W 7	5.0
2	Jacy Tran	971	W 12	W 4	L 1	W 8	W 6	4.0
3	C. Sater	888	L 4	W 7	L 6	W 11	W 9	3.0
4	T. Richardson	813	W 3	L 2	L 8	W 10	W 12	3.0
5	C. Shafer	559	W 10	L 6	L 7	W 12	W 8	3.0
6	E. Giri	949	D 7	W 5	W 3	L 1	L 2	2.5
7	P. George	525	D 6	L 3	W 5	W 9	L 1	2.5
8	J. Morris	894	W 11	L 1	W 4	L 2	L 5	2.0
9	V. Kumar	720	L 1	W 11	W 10	L 7	L 3	2.0
10	D. Le	762	L 5	W 12	L 9	L 4	W 11	2.0
11	U. Gevaran	Unr	L 8	L 9	W 12	L 3	L 10	1.0
12	A. Brown	540	L 2	L 10	L 11	L 5	L 4	0-0

UNO September-Quad A						
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	A. George	1715	W 4	D 3	W 2	2.5
2	N. Lacroix	1609	D 3	W 4	L 1	1.5
3	M. Williams	1800	D 2	D 1	L 4	1.0
4	D. Dostal	1465	L 1	L 2	W 3	1.0

UNO September-Quad B						
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	L. Ye	1224	W 3	W 4	W 2	3.0
2	H. Le	1436	W 4	D 3	L 1	1.5
3	S. Rajjan	1316	L 1	D 2	W 4	1.5
4	G. Brown	1258	L 2	L 1	L 3	0-0

UNO September -Section 2-Under 600								
No	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	N. Kumar	523	W 8	W 6	W 2	W 4	W 5	5.0
2	C. Morris	420	W 9	W 5	L 1	D 3	W 6	3.5
3	K. Lloyd	434	L 5	W 9	W 6	D 2	W 7	3.5
4	Jamie Tran	549	L 6	W 7	W 8	L 1	B	3.0
5	Isabella Tan	179	W 3	L 2	X	W 8	L 1	3.0
6	Sophie Tan	288	W 4	L 1	L 3	B	L 2	2.0
7	W. Overfield	219	H	L 4	F	W 9	L 3	1.5
8	I. Gopenenko	177	L 1	B	L 4	L 5	D 9	1.5
9	C. Tussey	Unr	L 2	L 3	B	L 7	D 8	1.5

The 10th Spence Blitz was held on August 31st and drew 7 players in a 14 round event. Joe Knapp and Steve Cusumano tied for 1st place with 11 points. Tony Dutiel was a close third with 10.5 points. This event was directed by John Hartmann.

The 2015 River City Roundup was held in Omaha on September 26 and 27th and drew 47 players in 4 Sections. Individual results in the RCR Team section are given below. The Iowa team outclassed 4 other teams to win 1st.

No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	G. Eichhorn	1900	W 11	W 10	X	W 17	B	5.0
2	T. Crouse	1852	W 12	W 5	X	W 18	B	5.0
3	V. Kosokin	2199	W 9	D 6	W 15	W 20	B	4.5
4	R. Keating	2200	W 19	D 7	W 14	D 8	B	4.0
5	R. Opavsky	1779	X	L 2	W 18	B	W 12	4.0
6	J. Herr	1849	D 14	D 3	W 16	B	D 9	3.5
7	J. Knapp	2041	L 13	D 4	D 8	B	W 19	3.0
8	C. Forsman	1866	B	W 19	D 7	D 4	L 14	3.0
9	K. Nelson	1828	L 3	D 16	B	W 14	D 6	3.0
10	S. Cusumano	1809	W 15	L 1	W 17	B	L 11	3.0
11	J. Stepp	1734	L 1	W 17	B	L 15	W 10	3.0
12	J. Reigenborn	1714	L 2	W 18	B	X	L 5	3.0
13	J. Slominski	1835	W 7	B	U	D 19	U	2.5
14	G. Blazek	1551	D 6	B	L 4	L 9	W 8	2.5
15	B. Lyons	1503	L 10	B	L 3	W 11	D 16	2.5
16	R. Woodworth	1723	B	D 9	L 6	U	D 15	2.0
17	B. Dolan	1370	B	L 11	L 10	L 1	X	2.0
18	K. Hruska	1293	B	L 12	L 5	L 2	X	2.0
19	J. Linscott	1884	L 4	L 8	B	D 13	L 7	1.5
20	R. Anderson	1674	U	U	U	L 3	U	0-0

River City Roundup							
Section 2-RCR 8							
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	D. Duong	741	B	W 13	W 2	W 3	4.0
2	E. Giri	928	W 14	W 4	L 1	W 6	3.0
3	N. Kumar	649	W 16	W 5	W 11	L 1	3.0
4	P. Carrillo	408	W 8	L 2	W 15	W 9	3.0
5	I. Goponenko	132	W 9	L 3	W 10	W 12	3.0
6	H. Sibley	477	H	W 10	W 12	L 2	2.5
7	C. Shively	473	L 13	W 18	L 9	W 16	2.0
8	C. McKeen	Unr	L 4	L 14	B	W 11	2.0
9	Sophie Tan	290	L 5	W 16	W 7	L 4	2.0
10	C. Vancura	347	D 18	L 6	L 5	W 15	1.5
11	E. McKeen	Unr	W 15	D 12	L 3	L 8	1.5
12	C. Carrillo	104	W 17	D 11	L 6	L 5	1.5
13	M. Heine	Unr	W 7	L 1	U	U	1.0
14	J. Filipi	Unr	L 2	W 8	U	U	1.0
15	Isabella Tan	289	L 11	W 17	L 4	L 10	1.0
16	W. Scheider	Unr	L 3	L 9	W 17	L 7	1.0
17	P. McKeen	Unr	L 12	L 15	L 16	B	1.0
18	F. Navratil	Unr	D 10	L 7	U	U	0.5

River City Roundup					
Section 4-Extra					
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Tot
1	J. Slominski	1860	U	W 5	1.0
2	R. Opavsky	1781	W 4	U	1.0
3	B. Dolan	1359	W 6	U	1.0
4	R. Anderson	1672	L 2	U	0-0
5	B. Lyons	1546	U	L 1	0-0
6	K. Hruska	1285	L 3	U	0-0

River City Roundup							
Section 3-Reserve							
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	U. Harding	1125	W 8	W 6	W 2	D 4	3.5
2	T. Leacock	1659	W 4	D 3	L 1	W 6	2.5
3	S. Rajjan	1319	W 7	D 2	L 6	W 9	2.5
4	C. Pecka	865	L 2	W 5	W 7	D 1	2.5
5	B. Connor	1278	H	L 4	W 9	H	2.0
6	A. Wolzen	1200	W 9	L 1	W 3	L 2	2.0
7	C. Carrillo	742	L 3	W 8	L 4	H	1.5
8	U. Gevaran	473	L 1	L 7	B	H	1.5
9	C. Shafer	698	L 6	B	L 5	L 3	1.0

The Omaha City Championship was held on 10/24/15 at the UNO campus. This event drew 24 players for the championship section and was won by Joe Knapp with 3.5 out of 4 points. Joe is the 2015 Omaha city champion and Lincoln city co-champion with John Linscott. John Hartmann and Drew Thyden directed this event which also included a 32 player Under 1000 and Under 600 sections. Final standings from all sections are listed starting with the U1000 section given below.

No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	C. Carrillo	738	W 16	W 5	W 4	W 2	4.0
2	J. Tran	1024	W 8	W 6	W 3	L 1	3.0
3	C. Pecka	1014	W 9	W 13	L 2	W 7	3.0
4	N. Sekar	982	W 17	W 11	L 1	W 8	3.0
5	C. Sater	867	W 7	L 1	W 13	W 11	3.0
6	E. Giri	916	W 10	L 2	L 7	W 13	2.0
7	T. Timm	699	L 5	W 16	W 6	L 3	2.0
8	P. George	710	L 2	W 15	W 10	L 4	2.0
9	C. Shafer	690	L 3	L 10	W 16	W 12	2.0
10	A. Majrafi	Unr	L 6	W 9	L 8	W 15	2.0
11	J. Maass	433	W 15	L 4	W 12	L 5	2.0
12	T. Richardson	830	L 13	W 14	L 11	L 9	1.0
13	D. Le	697	W 12	L 3	L 5	L 6	1.0
14	C. Tao	753	H	L 12	L 15	D 16	1.0
15	C. Talbert	398	L 11	L 8	W 14	L 10	1.0
16	N. Polacek	Unr	L 1	L 7	L 9	D 14	0.5
17	L. Hellbusch	479	L 4	U	U	U	0.5

The Omaha City Championship section is on the next page→

No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	J. Knapp	2030	W 13	W 7	W 10	D 2	3.5
2	A. Suresh	1881	W 5	D 8	W 12	D 1	3.0
3	N. Klatt	1824	W 14	D 11	D 9	W 13	3.0
4	Y. Tan	1818	W 20	L 12	W 8	W 11	3.0
5	J. Stepp	1723	L 2	W 21	W 17	W 10	3.0
6	K. Nelson	1827	H	W 24	D 11	D 7	2.5
7	T. Dutiel	1808	W 22	L 1	W 14	D 6	2.5
8	S. Cusumano	1787	W 21	D 2	L 4	W 18	2.5
9	J. Slominski	1864	H	W 18	D 3	U	2.0
10	M. Williams	1816	W 17	W 15	L 1	L 5	2.0
11	J. Hartmann	1769	W 19	D 3	D 6	L 4	2.0
12	M. Buckley	1747	W 23	W 4	L 2	U	2.0
13	A. George	1737	L 1	W 22	W 20	L 3	2.0
14	R. Holling	1700	L 3	W 19	L 7	W 20	2.0
15	S. Rajjan	1309	W 16	L 10	L 18	W 23	2.0
16	I. Koeppe	1761	L 15	L 17	W 24	D 19	1.5
17	B. Lyons	1540	L 10	W 16	L 5	H	1.5
18	A. Tao	1435	H	L 9	W 15	L 8	1.5
19	L. Ye	1310	L 11	L 14	W 21	D 16	1.5
20	M. Mills	1682	L 4	W 23	L 13	L 14	1.0
21	H. Lee	1393	L 8	L 5	L 19	W 24	1.0
22	S. Behrens	1397	L 7	L 13	D 23	U	0.5
23	U. Harding	1239	L 12	L 20	D 22	L 15	0.5
24	J. Tao	1032	H	L 6	L 16	L 21	0.5

Omaha City Championship Under 600 section.								
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Jamie Tran	490	W 16	W 7	W 6	D 2	D 3	4.0
2	C. Jackson	496	B	D 5	W 9	D 1	W 6	4.0
3	K. Yeatts	Unr	L 7	W 16	W 10	W 4	D 1	3.5
4	L. Hellbusch	474	H	W 11	W 5	L 3	W 8	3.5
5	C. Vancura	294	W 14	D 2	L 4	W 12	W 10	3.5
6	P. Carrillo	504	W 15	W 8	L 1	W 7	L 2	3.0
7	S. Tan	322	W 3	L 1	W 15	L 6	W 13	3.0
8	C. Shively	427	W 13	L 6	D 12	W 11	L 4	2.5
9	A. Nair	359	D 11	W 12	L 2	L 10	W 16	2.5
10	C. McKeen	336	L 12	W 13	L 3	W 9	L 5	2.0
11	S. Brabec	Unr	D 9	L 4	W 16	L 8	D 12	2.0
12	I. Tan	221	W 10	L 9	D 8	L 5	D 11	2.0
13	C. Carrillo	139	L 8	L 10	W 14	X	L 7	2.0
14	P. McKeen	101	L 5	L 15	L 13	D 16	B	1.5
15	I. Goponenko	367	L 6	W 14	L 7	F	U	1.0
16	E. McKeen	221	L 1	L 3	L 11	D 14	L 9	0.5

The 2015 Great Plains Open was held in Lincoln's Country Inn & Suites on November 14 and 15th. This event drew 60 players in 2 sections and was organized by John Linscott and directed by John Hartmann. The standings of both sections are recorded on the proceeding pages starting with the Open.

No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	R. Keating	2180	W 10	W 14	W 3	D 5	D 2	4.0
2	J. Kruml	2146	W 16	W 8	H	W 7	D 1	4.0
3	J. Knapp	2039	W 18	W 17	L 1	W 6	W 5	4.0
4	V. Zyuzin	1453	D 6	D 22	W 15	W 8	W 13	4.0
5	N. Reeves	1891	W 11	W 20	W 13	D 1	L 3	3.5
6	J. Linscott	1857	D 4	W 21	W 22	L 3	W 14	3.5
7	K. Nelson	1824	W 23	W 27	H	L 2	D 9	3.0
8	M. Williams	1800	W 12	L 2	W19	L 4	W 17	3.0
9	D. Raines	1740	W 25	D 13	H	H	D 7	3.0
10	J. Stepp	1747	L 1	D 23	W 27	W 20	D 15	3.0
11	B. Lyons	1551	L 5	W 26	W 24	H	H	3.0
12	L. Ye	1322	L 8	W 16	W 26	W 18	X	3.0
13	A. Suresh	1901	W 19	D 9	L 5	W 23	L 4	2.5
14	T. Dutiel	1815	W 24	L 1	H	W 16	L 6	2.5
15	Y. Tan	1843	L 20	W 28	L 4	W 19	D 10	2.5
16	J. Reigenborn	1693	L 2	W 12	D 20	L 14	W 24	2.5
17	S. Cusumano	1785	W 26	L 3	H	H	L 8	2.0
18	M. Mills	1643	L 3	L 24	W 28	L 12	W 23	2.0
19	W. Osborne	1477	L 13	W 25	L 8	L 15	W 26	2.0
20	H. Lee	1366	W 15	L 5	D 16	L 10	D 21	2.0

The rest of the final standings of the Open section is on the next page.

2015 Great Plains Open section-continued from previous page.								
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
21	A. Tao	1444	H	L 6	L 23	W 25	D 20	2.0
22	J. Slominski	1866	H	L 6	L 23	W 25	D 20	1.5
23	S. Behrens	1378	L 7	D 10	W 21	L 13	L 18	1.5
24	S. Rajjan	1364	L 14	W 18	L 11	H	L 16	1.5
25	J. Trine	1085	L 9	L 19	B	L 21	D 28	1.5
26	S. Kuzma	1287	L 17	L 11	L 12	W 28	L 19	1.0
27	J. Lee	1065	B	L 7	L 10	U	U	1.0
28	J. Tao	1023	H	L 15	L 18	L 26	D 25	1.0

Great Plains Open-Section 2								
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Jacey Tran	1045	W 21	W 13	W 4	W 7	W 3	5.0
2	E. Giri	882	W 22	L 5	W 21	W 12	W 11	4.0
3	K. Feldhaus	765	W 17	W 26	W 5	W 11	L 1	4.0
4	V. Kumar	708	W 23	W 20	L 1	W 14	W 9	4.0
5	P. Carrillo	514	W 31	W 2	L 3	W 18	W 7	4.0
6	D. Le	690	W 29	L 9	W 22	W 15	W 8	4.0
7	C. Carrillo	994	W 27	W 19	W 9	L 1	L 5	3.0
8	D. Duong	890	W 16	W 12	L 11	W 20	L 6	3.0
9	K. Whitmore	Unr	X	W 6	L 7	W 13	L 4	3.0
10	C. Tao	643	F	U	W 28	W 23	W 19	3.0
The rest of the final standings is on the next page.								

Final Standings Great Plains Open-Section 2-continued...								
No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
11	G. Campbell	629	W 25	W 18	W 8	L 3	L 2	3.0
12	Jamie Tran	598	W 32	L 8	W 17	L 2	W 18	3.0
13	E. Miller	510	W 30	L 1	W 16	L 9	W 21	3.0
14	J. Carl	439	L 18	W 15	W 30	L 4	W 22	3.0
15	Sophie Tan	425	X	L 14	W 26	L 6	W 20	3.0
16	I. Goponenko	328	L 8	W 32	L 13	W 31	W 26	3.0
17	J. Schilmoller	351	L 3	W 31	L 12	D 26	W 28	2.5
18	J. Guzman	Unr	W 14	L 11	W 19	L 5	L 12	2.0
19	L. Miller	406	W 24	L 7	L 18	W 27	L 10	2.0
20	C. Shively	394	W 28	L 4	W 27	L 8	L 15	2.0
21	C. Bode	392	L 1	W 29	L 2	W 30	L 13	2.0
22	D. Wilson	378	L 2	W 25	L 6	W 24	L 14	2.0
23	Isabella Tan	239	L 4	D 28	W 29	L 10	D 27	2.0
24	C. Codr	Unr	L 19	L 27	W 25	L 22	W 30	2.0
25	C. Carrillo	124	L 11	L 22	L 24	W 32	W 31	2.0
26	B. Korus	476	X	L 3	L 15	D 17	L 16	1.5
27	C. Vancura	420	L 7	W 24	L 20	L 19	D 23	1.5
28	J. Cusumano	Unr	L 20	D 23	L 10	W 29	L 17	1.0
29	T. Prakupchuk	198	L 6	L 21	L 23	L 28	W 32	1.0
30	A. Carl	118	L 13	B	L 14	L 21	L 24	1.0
31	D. Hatt	104	L 5	L 17	W 32	L 16	L 25	1.0
32	C. Eberhardt	Unr	L 12	L 16	L 31	L 25	L 29	0-0

The 2015 Spence Championship was held on consecutive Mondays starting on October 12 and finishing November 16th. This 6 round event drew 16 players in the championship section with a time control of Game/80 with a 5 second delay. When the smoke cleared there was a 3 way tie for 1st. Joe Knapp, Mack Williams and Steve Cusumano each scoring 4.5 out of 6 points to top the field. John Hartmann directed this event.

No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	J. Knapp	2051	D 4	W 13	H	W 2	D 3	W 8	4.5
2	M. Williams	1803	W16	W 8	D 3	L 1	W 6	W 4	4.5
3	S. Cusumano	1765	W 9	W 5	D 2	D 4	D 1	W 11	4.5
4	J. Hartmann	1765	D 1	W 11	W 14	D 3	W 7	L 2	4.0
5	T. Dutiel	1810	W 6	L 3	L 7	D 12	W 9	W 13	3.5
6	A. Schulze	1405	L 5	B	H	W 9	L 2	W 16	3.5
7	J. Linscott	1876	D 14	H	W 5	W 8	L 4	U	3.0
8	A. Suresh	1871	W15	L 2	W 12	L 7	W 13	L 1	3.0
9	S. Look	1616	L 3	D 16	W 15	L 6	L 5	W 10	2.5
10	T. Leacock	1617	H	L 14	W 16	D 13	D 12	L 9	2.5
11	M. Mills	1593	H	L 4	L 13	W 16	W 15	L 3	2.5
12	W. Osborne	1474	H	W 15	L 8	D 5	D 10	U	2.5
13	S. Behrens	1402	B	L 1	W 11	D10	L 8	L 5	2.5
14	J. Stepp	1739	D 7	W 10	L 4	U	U	U	1.5
15	J. Reigenborn	1680	L 8	L 12	L 9	B	L 11	H	1.5
16	M. Lang	Unr	L 2	D 9	L 10	L 11	B	L 6	1.5

The 11th Spence Blitz was held on November 23rd and drew 10 players in 1 section. This 14 round tournament was won by Abhinav Suresh with 12 out of 14 points with Tony Dutiel finishing second with 10.5 points. This event was directed by John Hartmann.

The Omaha Central High School Open was held on November 21st and drew 8 players in the Open section. The clear winner was Ben Lyons with a score of 3.5 out of 4 points. The event was sponsored by the Omaha Chess Community and directed by Allen George.

No	Player	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	B. Lyons	1566	W 8	D 3	W 2	W 6	3.5
2	N. Nguyen	1382	W 4	W 5	L 1	W 7	3.0
3	K. Nguyen	1336	W 6	D 1	W 4	L 5	2.5
4	M. Williams	1834	L 2	W 7	L 3	W 8	2.0
5	J. Stepp	1742	W 7	L 2	L 6	W 3	2.0
6	A. George	1736	L 3	W 8	W 5	L 1	2.0
7	S. Rajjan	1378	L 5	L 4	W 8	L 2	1.0
8	A. Wolzen	1207	L 1	L 6	L 7	L 4	0-0

The 5th Spence Action took place on November 11th thru December 7th and was won by Steven Cusumano with a score of 5 out of 6 points. Abhinav Suresh and John Hartmann (who directed) tied for 2nd and 3rd place with 4.5 points. 10 players took part in one section.

The 7th Spence game/40 tournament took place on December 7th and finished on the 21st. John Hartmann won his own tournament with a 3.5 out of 4 point score. John topped a field of 10 players.

The 2015 Nebraska Class Championship took place in Omaha on 12/5/15 and drew 44 players in 9 sections. Winners are as follows—Ying Tan (A), Ben Lyons (B), Michael Mills (C) Michael Lang (D), Caleb Pecka (E), Tyler Richardson (F), Vijay Kumer & Carson Jackson (tied for G), Sophie Tan (H), and Josh Johnson (I) were crown champions.

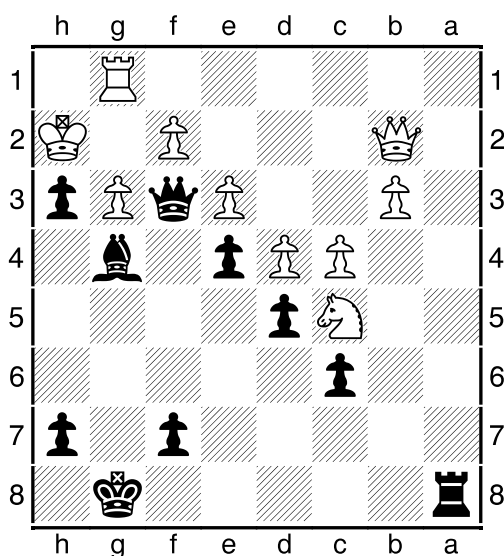
Some Very Rare Chess Maneuvers

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I had the idea for this article when I saw a game from the 2015 World Blitz Championship between Magnus Carlsen (White) and Sergey Karjakin (Black). The starting diagram is shown below and the unusual tactic involved is termed a DOUBLE DEFLECTION involving the sacrifice of a piece.

This type of chess tactic is seen very rarely and not to be expected in blitz games where fast and steady play is usually the norm. In the following diagram, Magnus Carlsen playing White has an inferior position with his King in a weakened, compromised position.

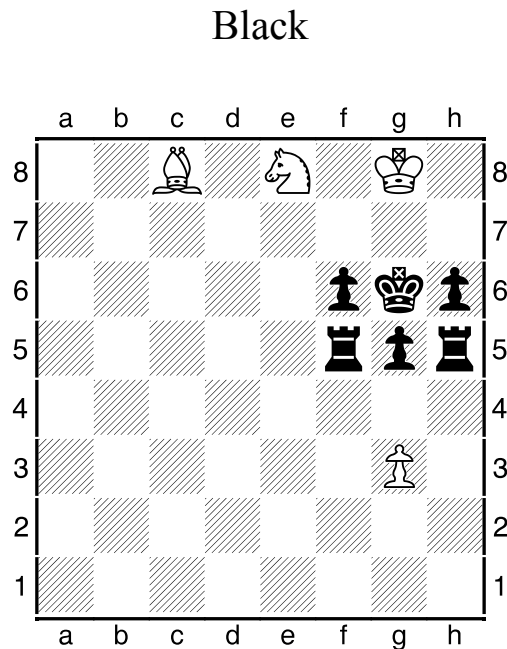
White (Magnus Carlsen)



Black (Sergey Karjakin) to move

It is Black (Sergey Karjakin) to move and he played the very brilliant and rare double deflection move 31. Ra1!! This move attempts to deflect the Rook on g1 to move thereby allowing Black to mate on g2. Also, it tries to deflect the Queen from the f2-square thereby allowing 32.Qxf2+ followed by 33.Kh1 and 33.Bf3+ with mate to follow. So, this Rook sacrifice created the very rare & unique tactic called the DOUBLE DEFLECTION!

Following here are two more examples of rare chess maneuvers taken from two brilliantly composed endgame compositions. In the following diagram:

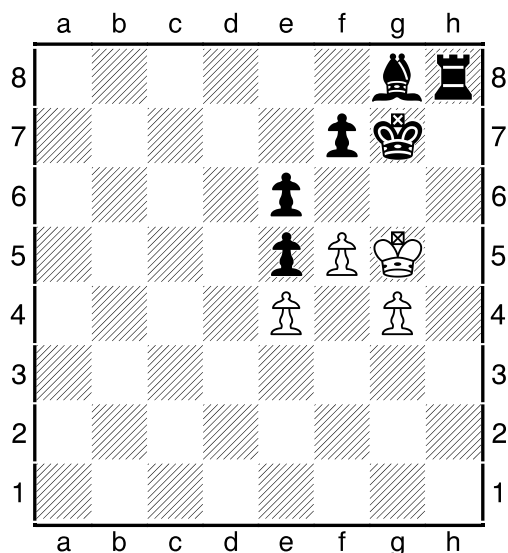


It is White to move & he actually checkmates with : 4.g4 (threatening 5. Bxf5 checkmate) 4.Rf4 5. Bf5+! 5.Rxf5 6. Ng7!! which allows the brilliant tactical idea that if either Rook moves, the g-pawn captures the other Rook with checkmate!! An extremely rare positional-type maneuver that will probably never be seen in an actual gamescore.

The final example is a one-of-a kind DOUBLE STALEMATE situation that is also very unique and imaginative. White, to move, appears to have a lost position but a DOUBLE STALEMATE saves his position. Black has the choice of either stalemating White but in his obvious refusal, he thereby ends up in stalemate himself. Very hard to believe but true!!

Please see diagram on the next page.

Black



White to move

White plays 4.f6+ 4. Kh7 (if 4.Kf8 when White is stalemated and has no legal moves!!) 5 Kh5 by White and Black is in stalemate. Amazing!! Your writer hopes that these 3 examples are instructive and also have an entertainment value for the reader. More importantly, they show the great variety and depth in this great game of chess!

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December, 2015
Omaha, Ne

Sources:

1st example-www.chessbase.com-Oct.,2015

2nd example-"ChessBoard Magic", Irving Chernev, Pg. 5

3rd example-"ChessBoard Magic", Irving Chernev, Pg. 6

SEVEN BASIC GUIDELINES FOR BETTER CHESS

by
Robert Woodworth

We seem to always be reading about better ways to improve our chess play. There are many beginner & intermediate books expounding on many guidelines to follow as we make the decisions that face us in every game we play. Even for advanced players there are positional concepts to be aware of plus various endgame principles to follow. There are even the exceptions to all these rules that can have a huge impact on the quality of our play.

Below I have listed 7 basic maxims which I've realized in over 60 years of chess play. I have tried to keep these as simple and practical as possible. (Please note that many advanced concepts such as the OVERPROTECTION THEORY of NIMZOVICH, THE THEORY of CORRESPONDING SQUARES in endgame analysis. The VANCURA draw position in endgame-rook-play. in endgame play, RETROACTIVE/RETROGRADE ANALYSIS in the move selection process etc. are all more for an advanced course in the game.)

Therefore, my 7 basic chess guidelines are:

- (1). Strive to improve the position of your worst placed piece.
(This may sound obvious to most players but your writer played chess for decades and never even considered this!!)
- (2). When evaluating the amount of material for each side, the material STILL ON the chessboard and its position is FAR MORE important than the captured material.
(For years, your writer only counted the captured material to decide who was better!?)
- (3). Players spend 95% of their time studying opening variations and 5% studying endgames. REVERSE those

percentages! (In 60 years of tournament chess, I hardly ever had an opponent play a variation or opening which I had studied before the game but I've lost many more points due to a lack of endgame knowledge!!).

- (4). "Place a developing rook on the same file as the enemy queen." (Quote from Russian GM Yefim Geller)
- (5). Keep all of your pieces protected at all times. Loose pieces invite disaster! Also, be aware of your King's safety.
- (6). Every game of chess always has 2 or 3 critical turning-points. Use much more analysis time here. For most of the moves in a game, analyzing the same variations over & over trying in vain to find a winning position or a forced win is non-productive. (Your writer never fully realized that using one's chess intuition is far better than over-analyzing one's game position!!)
- (7). LAST BUT NOT LEAST AND EXTREMELY IMPORTANT:

Respect the game & be honest in your play. Also play to win versus playing NOT TO LOSE. Losses can hurt your ego but they are the best way to keep learning. (Over the years I've realized that the more you learn about the game the more you will realize how much you actually did not know!)

I sincerely hope that these guidelines are of some value. It took your writer many years of play to understand and apply most of them! Finally, in the New Year 2016, I wish excellent chess play for everyone!

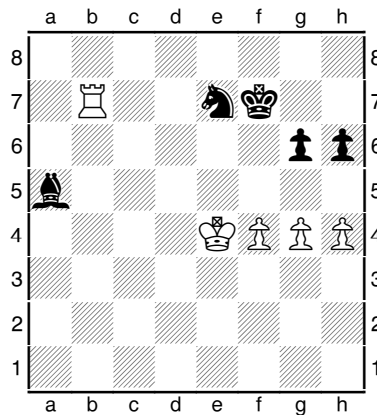
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2015 Lincoln City Championship

Hux, Robert (1900) - Kappel, Ray (1633)

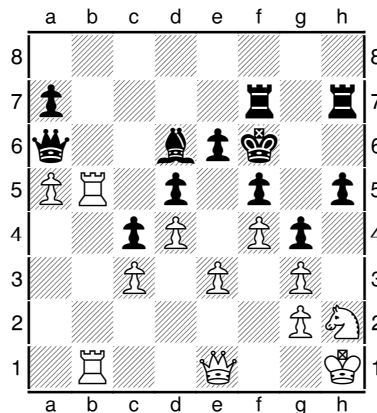
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 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Be3 Nd7 10.f4 a6 11.a4 e6 12.e5 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Qd6
 Qe7 15.Rad1 Nd4 16.Qxe7 Nxe2+ 17.Nxe2 Bxe7 18.Bxb7 Ra7 19.Bxc8
 Rxc8 20.Rd2 Rac7 21.a5 Rb7 22.b3 Nf6 23.Nc3 c4 24.Bd4 cxb3
 25.cxb3 Rxb3 26.Re2 Rbxc3 27.Bxc3 Rxc3 28.Rxe6 Bc5+ 29.Kg2 Ng4
 30.Rfe1 Rc2+ 31.R1e2 Rxe2+ 32.Rxe2 Bb4 33.Kf3 Nh6 34.g4 Kf7
 35.Re4 Bxa5 36.Ra4 Bd8 37.Rxa6 Ng8 38.h4 Ne7 39.Ke4 h6 40.Ra8
 Bb6 41.Rb8 Bc7 42.Rb7 Ba5 ½-½



Final Position-draw

Le, Harry (1305) - Dutiel, Tony (1850)

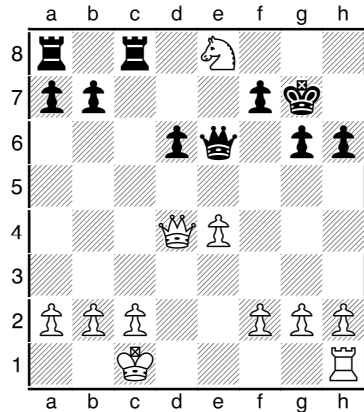
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 Nxe3 14.hxe3 f6 15.Ng4 c5 16.c3 c4 17.Qd2 Bd6 18.Qf2 Qc7 19.f4 h5
 20.Nh2 g5 21.Qf3 g4 22.Qe2 f5 23.Rac1 Qh7 24.Qf2 Kf7 25.b3 b5
 26.bxc4 bxc4 27.Rb1 Kf6 28.Rb5 Rf7 29.Rfb1 Rh8 30.a4 Rg8 31.Qe1
 Rgg7 32.Kh1 Qh8 33.a5 Qc8 34.Qe2 Rh7 35.Qe1 Qa6 later draw ½-½



Position after 35..Qa6-game later drawn.

Linscott, John (1857) - Trine, Jeb (1154)

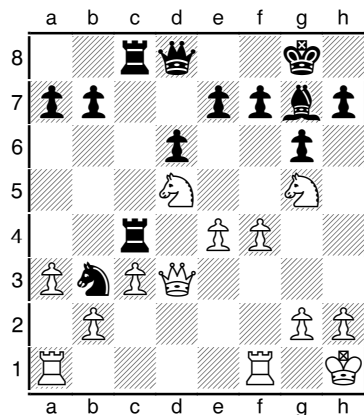
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Qxd7 8.Nf5 g6 9.Ne3 Bg7 10.Ned5 Nc6 11.Bg5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 h6 13.Bf6 Kf8 14.Qf3 Nd4 15.Bxg7+ Kxg7 16.Qf6+ Kh7 17.0-0-0 Rhc8 18.Rxd4 exd4 19.Qxd4 Qe6 20.Nf6+ Kg7 21.Ne8+ 1-0 Final Position below. 21..Kf8 may offer resistance for Black.-Ed



Reigenborn, Jon (1636) - Knapp, Joseph (1986)

[Hartmann, John]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 Bd7 10.Nf3 Ng4 11.Qd2 Nxe3 12.Qxe3 Qa5 13.Kh1 Rac8 14.a3 Be6 15.Ng5 Nd4 16.Bd3 Bc4 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.Qd3 Rfc8 19.Nd5 Qd8 20.c3 Nb3 Please see diagram below.

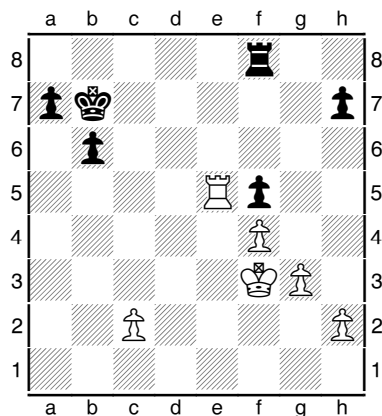


21.f5!? [21.Qh3 h6 22.f5 hxg5 23.fxg6 fxg6 24.Qe6+-] 21...e6? [21...Nxa1 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.Qh3] 22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.fxe6+ Kg8 24.Rf7? [24.e7! Qe8 25.Rf8+ Bxf8 26.Nf6+-] 24...Nxa1-+ 25.Ne7+ Kh8 26.Nxc8 Qxc8 27.Qxd6 Rxe4 28.Rf1 Rxe6 29.Qd2 Nb3 30.Qf4 Rf6

0-1 A very entertaining game for players and onlookers alike!-Ed

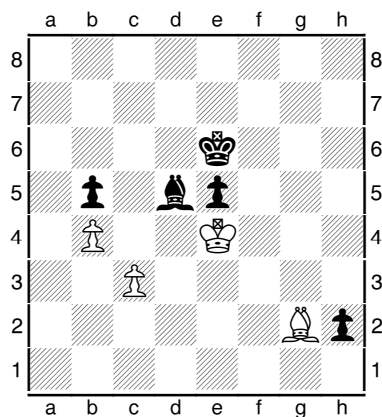
Tan, Ying - Revesz, Gregory (1767)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.Qg4 Nf6 7.Qxg7 Rg8 8.Qh6 Rg6 9.Qh4 b6 10.Bg5 Bb7 11.Ne2 Nbd7 12.Nf4 Rg7 13.Bb5 c6 14.Be2 Qe7 15.Nh5 Rg6 16.Nxf6+ Nxf6 17.Bh5 Rxc5 18.Qxc5 Nxh5 19.Qxh5 0-0-0 20.0-0 Rg8 21.f4 c5 22.dxc5 e3 23.g3 f5 24.Qe2 Qxc5 25.Rf3 Qxc3 26.Raf1 Bxf3 27.Rxf3 Qd4 28.Rxe3 e5 29.Kf1 e4 30.Rb3 Kb7 31.Rb5 Rf8 32.Re5 Qa1+ 33.Kg2 Qxa3 34.Qd1 Qf3+ 35.Qxf3 exf3+ 36.Kxf3 ½-½ Final Position below-Draw game



Cusumano, Steven (1847) - Raines, David (1758)

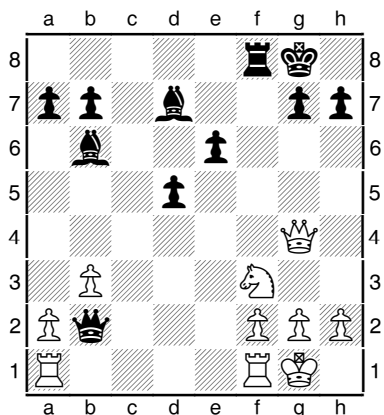
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 Be7 8.Qd2 Qc7 9.g4 Nc6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.g5 Nd7 12.f4 Nb6 13.f5 Bd7 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.Bh3 Nc4 16.Qe2 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Bxg5+ 19.Kb1 Bf6 20.Qxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Ke7 22.Rhd1 Rhd8 23.Ne2 Be5 24.R6d2 Bc6 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rxd8 Kxd8 27.Ng3 Ke7 28.c3 Bxg3 29.hxg3 Bxe4+ 30.Kc1 Kf6 31.Kd2 h5 32.Ke3 Ke5 33.Bf1 g5 34.a4 Bc6 35.axb5 axb5 36.b4 h4 37.gxh4 gxh4 38.Bh3 Bd5 39.Bf1 Bc4 40.Bh3 Kf6 41.Kf4 e5+ 42.Ke4 Be6 43.Bg2 h3 44.Bh1 Bc4 45.Bf3 h2 46.Bh1 Ke6 47.Bg2 Bd5+ 0-1 Final Position below. A hard fought battle!-Ed.



Hux, Robert (1900) - Hartmann, John (1777)

[Hartmann,John]

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ngf3 Bc5 5.e5 Nfd7 6.d4 Bb6 7.c3 c5
8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Qa4 0-0 10.0-0 cxd4 11.cxd4 f6 12.Bb5 Ne7 [12...fxe5!
13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qxc6 Ba6 15.Qxe6+ got this far during the game and
didn't see the comp 15...Kh8 16.Re1? (16.Qxd5 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 exd4+)
16...e4] 13.b3 fxe5 14.dxe5 Ng6 15.Bxd7 Bxd7 16.Qg4 Qc7 [16...Rf4
17.Qg3 Rf5] 17.Ba3 Nxe5!? [17...Rf4 18.Qg3 Rf5+] 18.Nxe5 Qxe5
19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Nf3 Qb2 Diagram below.



This is what I saw when I sac'd the exchange. The computer thinks the game is balanced (meaning that Black has comp) but it's much easier to play with Black, I think. 21.Qh4 h6 22.Rad1 Qxa2 23.Ne5 Bb5 24.Qe7 Rf6 [24...Bxf1 25.Qxe6+ (25.Kxf1 Qxf2#) 25...Kh7 26.Qg6+ Kh8 27.Nf7+ Rxf7 28.Qxf7 Bd3!] 25.Ng4 Rf7 26.Qxe6 Bxf1 27.Rxf1 Bd4 I have to prevent Ne5. 28.Qxd5 Qb2 29.Qe6 [29.Rd1 Bc3 30.h3 Qc2] 29...Qc3 30.h3 Qc5 31.Kh1 Qe7 32.Qc4 Bb6 33.Qd5 Bc7 34.Qxb7 Qe2 35.Kg1?? Bh2+ 36.Nxh2 Rxb7 37.Nf3 Rxb3 38.Re1 Qb5 0-1

Cusumano, Steven (1847) - Dutiel, Tony (1850)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.a4 Bg4 7.Be3 Nd4 8.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 9.Nxf3 Qe7 10.c3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 0-0 12.h3 Be6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Qe1 Nd7 15.Qh4 Qxh4 16.Nxh4 Rxf1+ 17.Kxf1 Rf8+ 18.Ke2 d5 19.exd5 exd5 20.Nf3 Rf6 21.b4 Kf8 22.Rf1 Ke7 23.Nd2 Rxf1 1/2-1/2

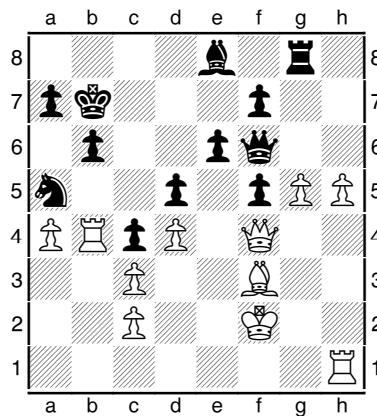
Slominski, Jerry (1818) - Tan, Ying [Hartmann,John]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 e5 4.f5 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 a6 9.a4 h6 10.Nd5 Na5 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bd5 Rb8 13.Bd2 Nc6 14.a5 Ne7 15.c4 b5 16.axb6 Qxb6 17.Bc3 Nxd5 18.cxd5 Bd7 19.Kh1 Bb5 20.Qc2 c4 21.dxc4 Bxc4 22.Rfe1 Rfc8 23.Qd2 Bd8 24.h4 f6 25.g4 Kf7 26.Rg1 Be7 27.Rg2 Rh8 28.Rag1 Rh7 29.h5 Rhh8 30.Nh4 Rhc8 31.Nf3 Rh8 32.Ra1 Rb7 33.Ra3 Rhb8 34.Rg1 Qc7 35.Rc1 Rc8 36.Qe3 Qb8 37.Nd2 Bb5 38.Rca1 Qa7 39.Qxa7 Rxa7 40.Ra5 Bd3 41.Kg1 Bd8 42.R5a3 plus moves 1/2-1/2

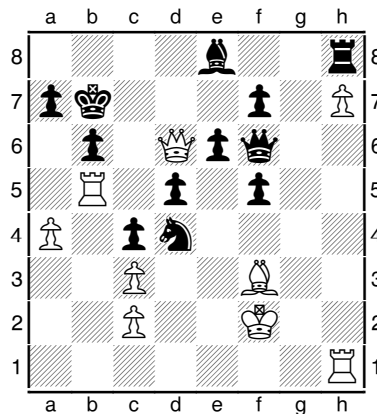
Knapp, Joseph (1986) - Hartmann, John (1777)

[Hartmann,John]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.Bd2 Bxc3 7.bxc3
Ne4 8.Bd3 Nxd2 9.Qxd2 Qg5?! [9...c5 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.0-0 Qa5
(11...c4 12.Be2 Bd7 13.Rfb1 Rb8 14.Qe3 Ne7) ; 9...b6 10.f4 Ba6]
10.f4 Qe7 11.Ne2 c5 12.Ng3 c4 13.Be2 Nc6 14.0-0 g6 15.Bf3 Bd7
16.Rab1 Rb8 17.Rb2 Kd8 18.Rfb1 b6 19.Nf1 Na5 20.Ne3 Bc6
21.g3 h5 22.h4 Kc7 Draw offered, but Knapp declined. 23.a4 Rhc8
24.Rb4 Kd7 25.Kh2 Kc7 26.Qg2 Kd7 27.Rd1 Ke8 28.Qd2 Kd7
29.Ng2 Rh8 30.f5 gxf5 31.Nf4 Kc7 32.Nxh5 Rbg8 33.Nf6 Rg6
34.Qf4 Kb7 35.Rh1 Rxf6 36.exf6 Qxf6 37.Kg2 Rd8 38.h5 Rh8
39.Qe5 Qh6 40.Qf4 Qf6 41.g4 Be8 42.g5 Rg8 43.Kf2 Please see
the diagram below.



[43.h6! Rxc5+ 44.Kf2 Rg8 45.h7 Rh8 46.Rbb1 Nc6 47.Rbg1 Ne7
48.Rh6 Ng6 49.Qd6 Bc6 50.a5!+-] 43...Rxc5 44.h6 Rg8 45.h7
Rh8 46.Qd6 Nc6 47.Rb5 Nxd4??⊕



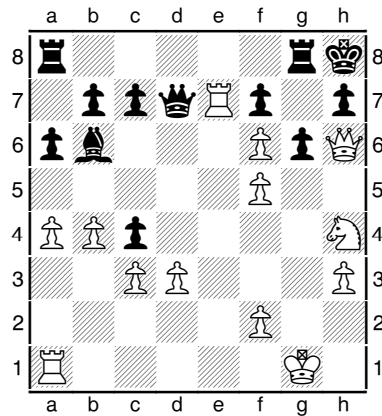
[47...Qg5=] 48.Bxd5+ Bc6 49.Qd7+ Ka6 50.Ra5+ bxa5 51.Bxc6 1-0

An amazing game which kept the onlookers on edge!-Ed

Stepp, John (1770) - Reigenborn, Jon (1636)

[Hartmann, John]

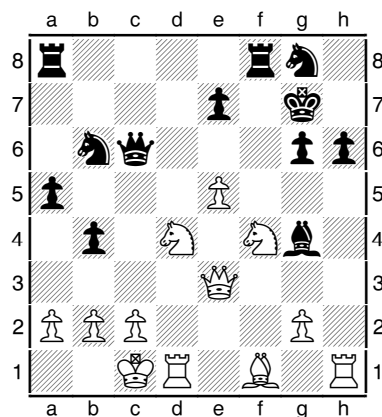
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Bc5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.c3 Qe7 5.0-0 d6 6.b4 Bb6 7.a4 a6 8.Na3 Bg4 9.Nc2 Nf6 10.Re1 0-0 11.d3 Nd8 12.Ne3 Ne6 13.h3 Bh5 14.Nf5 Qd7 15.g4 Bg6 16.N3h4 Bxf5 17.exf5 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.g5 d5 20.gxf6 dxc4 21.Qg4 g6 22.Qxf4 Kh8 23.Qh6 Rg8 24.Re7



gxf5+ 25.Ng6+ Rxg6+ 26.Qxg6 hxg6 27.Rxd7 plus moves 1-0

Knapp, Joseph (1986) - Stepp, John (1770)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7 5.f3 a6 6.Qd2 b5 7.0-0-0 Nbd7 8.Bh6 0-0 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.e5 Ng8 11.h4 Nb6 12.h5 dxe5 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Qe3 e4 15.fxe4 Bg4 16.Nf3 b4 17.Ne2 h6 18.d5 a5 19.Nf4 c5 20.dxc6 Qc7 21.e5 Qxc6 22.Nd4 Diagram below.



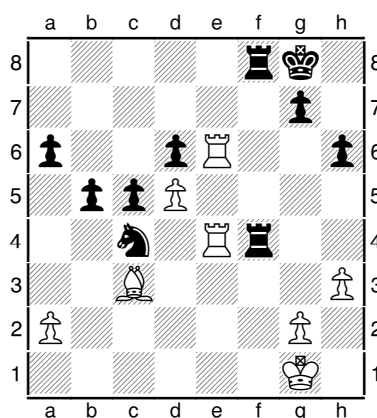
Qd7 23.Nde6+ Bxe6 24.Rxd7 Bxd7 25.Bd3 e6 26.Nxg6 Nd5 27.Qg3 Rfc8 28.Rf1 Ngf6 29.exf6+ Nxf6 30.Ne5+ Kf8 31.Rxf6+ Ke7 32.Rf7+ Kd6 33.Rxd7+ 1-0

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The Great Plains Open

Reigenborn, Jon (1693) - Kruml, Joseph (2146)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 Bd7 6.d4 Ng6 7.Be3 Be7
8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Rc1 Nxd4 10.cxd4 Bxb5 11.Re1 exd4 12.Nxd4 Bd7 13.Qb3
c5 14.Nb5 Be6 15.Qc2 a6 16.Nc3 b5 17.f4 f5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Qd7
20.Nf3 h6 21.Bd2 Rf7 22.Re6 Nf8 23.Re2 Qb7 24.Rce1 Bf6 25.Qxf5 Bxb2
26.Qh5 Qd7 27.Nh4 Bf6 28.f5 Bxh4 29.Qxh4 Qxf5 30.Qg3 Qg6 31.Qxg6
Nxg6 32.Re6 Ne5 33.Bc3 Nc4 34.R1e4 Raf8 35.h3 Rf4 Diagram below.



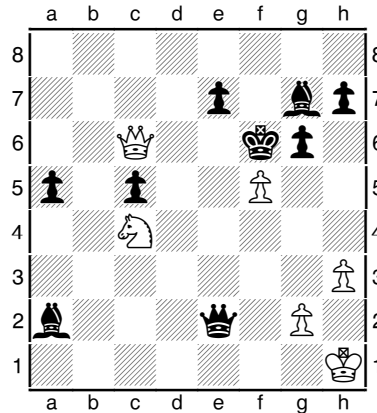
36.Rg6 Rf1+ 37.Kh2 R8f7 38.Reg4 Ne3 39.Rxg7+ Rxg7 40.Rxg7+ Kf8
41.Rh7 b4 42.Bd2 Nxd5 43.Rxh6 Nf6 44.Rh8+ Kf7 45.Ra8 Rf2 46.Bg5
Rxa2 47.Ra7+ Ke6 48.h4 b3 49.Rb7 c4 50.Kh3 Ne4 51.Bh6 b2 52.Bg7
Nf6 53.h5 Ra3+ 54.Kh4 Rb3 55.Rxb3 cxb3 56.h6 0-1

Knapp, Joseph (2039) - Mills, Michael (1643)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 Qe7 4.Nf3 Qxe4+ 5.Be2 Be7 6.Nc3 Qb4 7.0-0 0
-0 8.d4 c6 9.Re1 d5 10.Qd3 Bg4 11.Bf4 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Bd8 13.a3 Qa5
14.Qf5 Nbd7 15.Bd6 Qb6 16.Bxf8 Nxf8 17.Ne2 a5 18.c3 Qc7 19.h4 g6
20.Qf4 Ne6 21.Qe3 Ng7 22.g3 Be7 23.Nf4 Re8 24.Qd2 h5 25.Re2 Bd6
26.Nd3 Ne4 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Ne5 c5 29.Rxe4 f6 30.Rae1 fxe5 31.dxe5
Be7 32.Qh6 Qb6 33.e6 Qxb2 34.Qxg6 Rf8 35.Rf4 Rxf4 36.gxf4 Qxc3
37.Qf7+ Kh8 38.Re3 Qa1+ 39.Kg2 Qf6 40.Rg3 b5 41.Rg5 b4 42.axb4
axb4 43.Qxf6 Bxf6 44.Rxc5 Nxe6 45.Rc6 Nxf4+ 46.Kf3 Nd5 47.Rd6 b3
48.Rxd5 b2 49.Rxh5+ Kg7 50.Rb5 Bd4 51.Kg3 Kh6 52.Kg4 Kg6 53.h5+
Kh6 54.f4 Bc3 55.Rb6+ Kg7 56.Kg5 Bf6+ 57.Kf5 Bd4 58.Rb7+ Kh6
59.Rb3 Bg7 60.Rb6+ Kh7 61.h6 Bd4 62.Rb7+ Kxh6 63.Ke6 Be3 64.f5
Kg5 65.Rxb2 Bd4 66.Rg2+ Kh6 67.f6 Bc5 68.f7 Kh7 69.Rg8 Be3 70.f8Q
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Lyons, Ben (1551) - Reeves, Neil (1891)

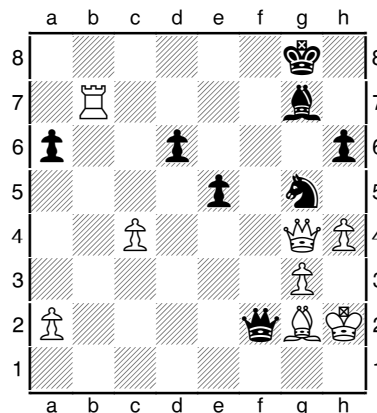
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 cxd4
8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Be3 a6 10.f3 Qb6 11.Na4 Qa5 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bb6 Qe5
14.c5 Rb8 15.Rc1 Nd7 16.b4 Nxb6 17.Nxb6 dxc5 18.bxc5 Be6 19.Qc2
a5 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.Kh1 Qf4 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Rd1 Rxd1+ 24.Qxd1
Qe3 25.Qd8+ Bf8 26.Qd3 Qxc5 27.Nc4 f5 28.f4 fxe4 29.Qxe4 Bd5
30.Qd3 Qf2 31.Ne3 Bxa2 32.f5 Bg7 33.h3 c5 34.Qd8+ Kf7 35.Nc4 Qxe2
36.Qd5+ Kf6 37.Qc6+ Diagram below.



Kg5 38.h4+ Kxh4 39.g3+ Kh3 40.fxg6 Qf1# 0-1

Suresh, Abhinav (1901) - Osborne, Will (1477)

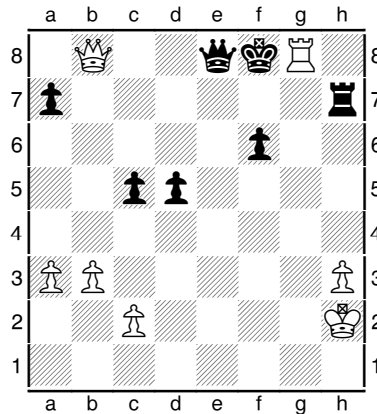
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.e4 e5 8.d5
Nc5 9.Qc2 Nh5 10.b4 Na6 11.Rb1 f5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ng5 h6 14.Ne6 Bxe6
15.dxe6 fxe4 16.Nxe4 c6 17.b5 Nc7 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6
20.Bxc6 Rab8 21.Be3 Rxb1+ 22.Qxb1 a6 23.e7 Qxe7 24.Qxg6 Rf6
25.Qg4 Ne6 26.0-0 Kf7 27.Rb1 Rg6 28.Qe2 Qh4 29.Kh2 Qd8 30.Rb7+
Kg8 31.Qh5 Rf6 32.Bd5 Qf8 33.Qg4 Rxf2+ 34.Bxf2 Qxf2+ 35.Bg2 Ng5
36.h4 1-0



Final Position.

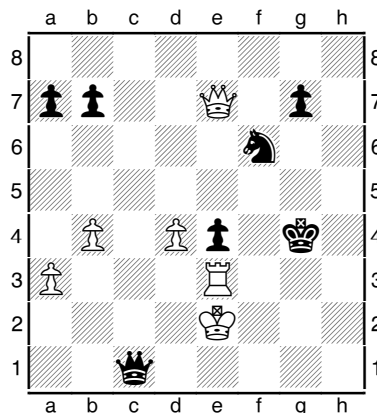
Le, Harry (1366) - Tan, Ying (1843)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d6
8.0-0 Nf6 9.Kh1 0-0 10.f4 Qb6 11.h3 Nd7 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Rb1
Be6 15.a3 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.Rf3 Rab8 18.Qe1 Qa5 19.Bd2 Qh5 20.Qe2
c5 21.Rf4 Bd4 22.Qe1 Bf6 23.b3 Be6 24.Qf2 Kg7 25.Rf1 Rh8 26.Rf3 Rh7
27.Ne2 g5 28.Ng3 Qg6 29.Nf5+ Bxf5 30.exf5 Qh5 31.Rg3 Rg8 32.Qf3 Kh8
33.Bc3 Bxc3 34.Qxc3+ f6 35.Re1 g4 36.Qd3 Rg5 37.Rge3 gxh3 38.Rxh3
Qf7 39.Ree3 Rgh5 40.Kh2 Kg8 41.Reg3+ Kf8 42.Qf3 Rxh3+ 43.gxh3 d5
44.Qf4 e5 45.fxe6 Qxe6 46.Qb8+ Qe8 47.Rg8+! 1-0



Cusumano, Steven (1785) - Knapp, Joseph (2039)

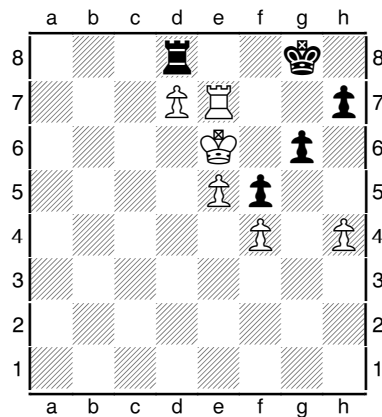
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0-0 9.0-0 Kh8 10.b4 Bd6 11.Ne4 f5 12.Nxd6 cxd6 13.Bb2 f4 14.d4 e4
15.Nd2 d5 16.gxf4 Rxf4 17.e3 Rh4 18.f3 Qd6 19.f4 Qh6 20.f5 Qxe3+
21.Kh1 Qh6 22.Nxe4 Bxf5 23.Rxf5 Rxh2+ 24.Kg1 dxe4 25.Qf1 Ne7 26.Bc1
Qd6 27.Rf8+ Ng8 28.Rxa8 Nxa8 29.Bf4 Rxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Qg6+ 31.Bg3 Nf6
32.Qf4 h5 33.Qb8+ Kh7 34.Qxa8 h4 35.Qb8 Nh5 36.Rh1 Nxc3 37.Rxh4+
Nh5+ 38.Kh3 Qf5+ 39.Kh2 Qf2+ 40.Kh3 Qf3+ 41.Kh2 Kg6 42.Qe8+ Kg5
43.Qe7+ Nf6 44.Rh3 Qf2+ 45.Kh1 Qe1+ 46.Kg2 Qd2+ 47.Kf1 Qc1+ 48.Kg2
Qb2+ 49.Kf1 Qa1+ 50.Kg2 Qa2+ 51.Kf1 Kg4 52.Re3 Qb1+ 53.Ke2 Qc2+
54.Kf1 Qc1+ 55.Ke2 Diagram below.



Qxe3+ 56.Kxe3 Nd5+ 57.Kxe4 Nxe7 58.d5 Nxd5 59.Kxd5 Kf4 60.Kd6 g5
61.Kc7 b5 62.Kb7 g4 63.Kxa7 g3 64.Ka6 g2 65.Kxb5 g1Q 66.a4 Ke5 67.a5
Kd6 68.a6 Kc7 69.a7 Qxa7 0-1

Reeves, Neil (1891) - Le, Harry (1366)

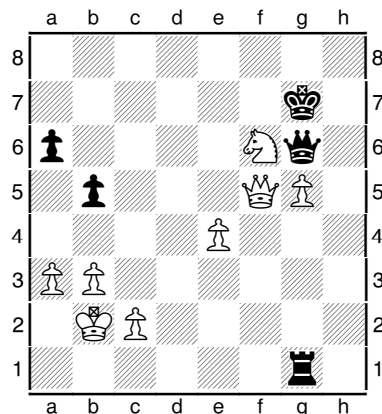
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 8.Bg2 Re8 9.0-0 Be6 10.a3 a5 11.Rc1 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 f6 13.Nd2 Qd7
 14.Re1 Rad8 15.Qa4 Ra8 16.Nf1 Bd5 17.Bxd5+ Qxd5 18.Ne3 Qd7
 19.Bd2 Red8 20.Qb4 Kh8 21.Qxb7 Rab8 22.Qxc6 Rxb2 23.Qxd7 Rxd7
 24.Nc4 Ra2 25.Bxa5 Bxa3 26.Nxa3 Rxa3 27.Rxc7 Rxc7 28.Bxc7 Ra2
 29.Kf1 Kg8 30.Rb1 Rc2 31.Bb8 Kf7 32.f4 exf4 33.gxf4 Kg6 34.Kf2 Rc5
 35.Kf3 Rh5 36.Rg1+ Kf7 37.Rg2 Rb5 38.e4 Rxb8 39.e5 f5 40.Rc2 Rb7
 41.Ke3 Rd7 42.Rc6 Ke7 43.h4 Rb7 44.Kd4 Rb4+ 45.Rc4 Rb6 46.Rc7+
 Kf8 47.Kd5 Rb8 48.Ke6 Rd8 49.d4 Kg8 50.d5 g6 51.d6 Re8+ 52.Re7 Rd8
 53.Kf6 Rf8+ 54.Ke6 Rd8 55.d7 1-0



Final Position 1-0

Raines, David (1740) - Suresh, Abhinav (1901)

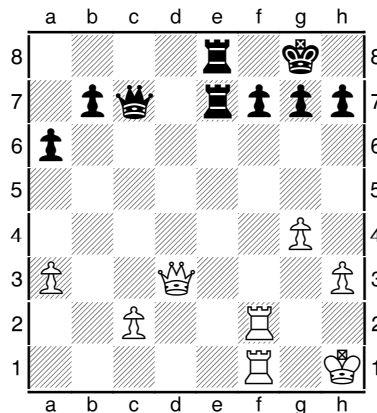
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.Nc3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.e4 g6 6.Be3 d6 7.Be2 Bg7
 8.f3 Bd7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Re8 11.h4 h5 12.Rdg1 Ne5 13.Bg5 Rc8
 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.g4 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Nde2 hxg4 18.fxg4 Kg7 19.g5
 Be5 20.h5 Rh8 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Rh6 Be6 23.Nf4 Bf7 24.Rgh1 Rxh6
 25.Rxh6 e6 26.Rxg6+ Kf8 27.Nxe6+ Bxe6 28.Rxe6 Qb6 29.Rxe5 dxe5
 30.Qe1 Qg6 31.Qe3 Rd4 32.b3 a6 33.Kb2 b5 34.Qf3+ Kg7 35.Qg3 Qe6
 36.a3 Kg6 37.Qh4 Kg7 38.Nd5 Qg6 39.Nf6 Rd1 40.Qg3 Qf7 41.Qxe5 Rg1
 42.Qf5 Qg6 43.Qd7+ Qf7 44.Qf5 Qg6 45.Qd7+ Qf7 46.Qf5 Qg6 ½-½



Final Position-Draw

Lee, Jek Ann (1065) - Nelson, Kent (1824)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 Nc6
8.Be3 Bb4 9.f3 0-0 10.a3 Be7 11.Qc1 d6 12.f4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 e5 14.Be3
exf4 15.Bxf4 Be6 16.Qe3 Rac8 17.Kh1 Bc4 18.Bxc4 Qxc4 19.Nd5 Nxd5
20.exd5 Rfe8 21.Rae1 Bf8 22.Qg3 Qxd5 23.Rd1 Qb5 24.Bxd6 Bxd6
25.Qxd6 Qxb2 26.Rf2 Qc3 27.Rdf1 Qc7 28.Qd3 Re7 29.h3 Rce8 30.g4?



Position after 30.g4?

Re3 31.Qd5 Rxd3+ 32.Kg1 Rf8 33.Qe4 Rg3+ 34.Rg2 Qc5+ 35.Rff2
Rxa3 36.Rh2 Ra1+ 37.Kg2 Qc6 38.Qxc6 bxc6 39.Kf3 f5 40.gxf5 Rxf5+
41.Ke4 Rxf2 42.Rxf2 Re1+ 43.Kd4 Re6 44.Kc5 h5 45.Rh2 Rh6 46.Rh3
g5 47.Rd3 Rf6 48.Rh3 h4 49.Kb6 Kg7 50.Kxa6 Kg6 51.Kb6 Kh5
52.Re3 Kg4 53.Kc5 h3 54.Kd4 h2 0-1

Tan, Ying (1843) - Tao, Jianning (1023)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Be3 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Bc4 a6 6.a4 Bd7 7.Nge2 e6
8.0-0 Nge7 9.f4 0-0 10.Ng3 f5 11.d5 Na5 12.Ba2 Bxc3 13.bxc3 exd5
14.Bxd5+ Kg7 15.Bd4+ Kh6 16.Qf3 Nac6 17.Nxf5+ Bxf5 18.exf5 Nxf5
19.Bxc6 Nxd4 20.cxd4 bxc6 21.Qxc6 d5 22.Rae1 Rf6 23.Re6 Rxe6
24.Qxe6 Qd6 25.Qg4 Rh8 26.Re1 Kg7 27.Re6 Qb4 28.Qd1 Rf8 29.g3
c5 30.Rxa6 cxd4 31.Qe2 Qb1+ 32.Kg2 Qb2 33.Qe5+ Kh6 34.Qg5+ Kg7
35.Ra7+ Kh8 36.Qe5+ Kg8 37.Qg7# 1-0

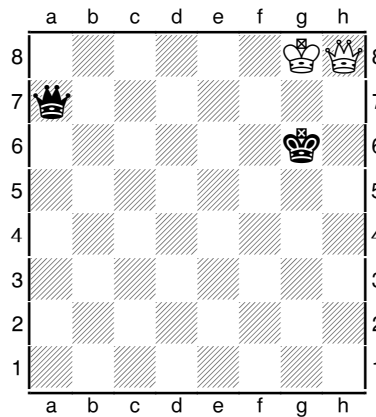
Stepp, John (1747) - Behrens, Steven (1378)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 d6 4.d3 Be7 5.h3 0-0 6.e4 c5 7.Be3 Nc6 8.g4
Nd4 9.Be2 a6 10.Qd2 b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Bxd4 exd4 13.Nxb5 d5 14.e5
Ne8 15.Bd1 Rb8 16.a4 Nc7 17.Nxc7 Qxc7 18.0-0 h5 19.Rc1 hxg4
20.hxg4 Bxg4 21.Nxd4 Bxd1 22.Nb5 Qxe5 23.f4 Qh5 24.Qxd1 Qg6+
25.Kh1 Qh6+ 26.Kg1 Rb6 27.Rc2 Rg6+ 28.Rg2 Rxg2+ 29.Kxg2 Bh4
30.Qf3 Re8 31.Nc7 Rb8 32.Nb5 Rb6 33.f5 Qd2+ 34.Rf2 Qg5+ 35.Kf1
Bxf2 36.Qxf2 Rf6 37.Qxc5 Rxf5+ 38.Ke1 Qg3+ 39.Kd2 Rf2+ 40.Kc3
Qg2 41.Qc8+ Kh7 42.Nd4 Rxb2 43.Qf5+ Kh6 44.Qf4+ Kh7 45.Qf5+
Kg8 46.Qc8+ Kh7 ½-½

Kuzma, Steve (1287) - Lyons, Ben (1551)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bg5 d5 6.e3 Nbd7 7.cxd5 exd5
8.Bd3 h6 9.Bh4 c6 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qa5 12.c4 Ne4 13.cxd5 cxd5
14.Qc2 f5 15.Be7 Re8 16.Bc5 b6 17.Bxb6 Nxb6 18.Qc6 Re6 19.Qc2 Ba6
20.Bxa6 Qxa6 21.Ne5 Rc8 22.Qd1 Nc4 23.Nxc4 Rxc4 24.Qb3 Rb6
25.Qd1 Rbc6 26.Qh5 Qc8 27.Qd1 Rc2 28.h3 Rd2 29.Qb3 Qd8 30.Qb7
Rcc2 31.Qxa7 Qh4 32.Qb8+ Kh7 33.Qf4 Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 35.Qxf2
Rxf2 36.a4 Rc2 37.a5 Rc7 38.a6 Ra7 39.Ra5 Nf6 40.Kf2 Kg6 41.Kf3 Kf7
42.Kf4 Ke6 43.g4 g5+ 44.Kf3 fxg4+ 45.hxg4 Kd6 46.Ra1 Kc6 47.Rh1
Ng8 48.Rc1+ Kb6 49.Ra1 Rxa6 50.Rxa6+ Kxa6 51.e4 Kb6 52.exd5 Kc7
53.Ke4 Kd6 54.Kf5 Kxd5 55.Kg6 Kxd4 56.Kg7 Ke5 57.Kxg8 Kf6 58.Kh7
h5 59.gxh5 g4 60.Kh8 g3 61.h6 g2 62.h7 Kg6 63.Kg8 g1Q 64.h8Q Qa7!

0-1 You don't see this type of position very often, with equal material resulting in a forced win.-Ed.

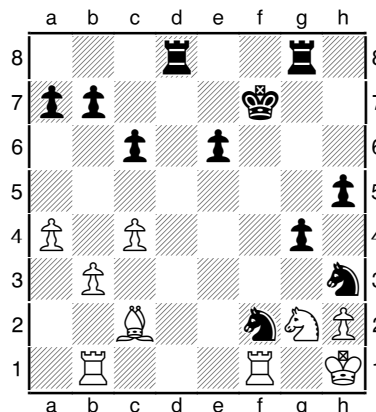


Final Position. White Resigns.

Suresh, Abhinav (1901) - Reeves, Neil (1891)

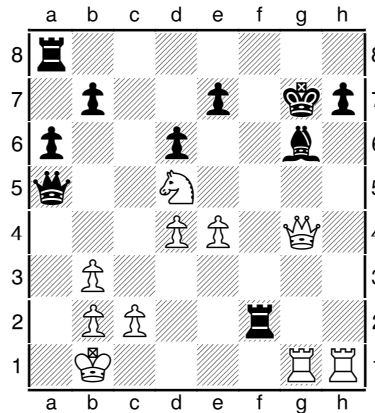
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8.gxf3 Ne5 9.Nc3 e6 10.f4 Ng6 11.dxe6 Qxd1+ 12.Nxd1 fxe6 13.a3 Bd6
14.Bg4 Kf7 15.b3 Bxf4 16.Ne3 Ne5 17.Be2 Rad8 18.Ng4 Ng6 19.Bxf4
Nxf4 20.Bf3 c6 21.a4 h5 22.Ne3 Nd7 23.Rd1 Nc5 24.Rb1 g5 25.0-0 g4
26.Bd1 Rhg8 27.Bc2 Ncd3 28.Ng2 Nh3+ 29.Kh1 Ndxg2+ 0-1

Final position below.



Linscott, John (1857) - Slominski, Jerry (1866)

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Ne5
8.Bb3 Neg4 9.Qf3 Nxe3 10.fxe3 0-0 11.0-0-0 d6 12.h3 Nd7 13.g4 a6
14.Qg2 Nc5 15.g5 Nxb3+ 16.axb3 Qa5 17.Kb1 Bd7 18.h4 Bc6 19.h5 Bxd4
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Bxg6**

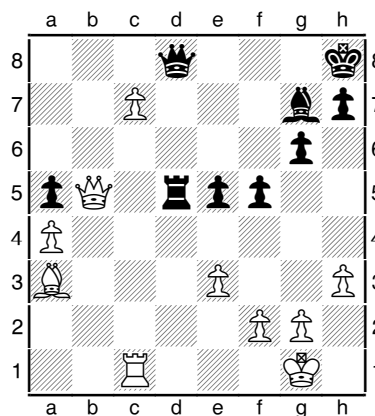


26. Rxh7+ 1-0

A bolt from the blue! John murdered my Sicilian defense in similar fashion during the Lincoln City Championship. –Ed.

Williams, Mack (1800) - Osborne, Will (1477)

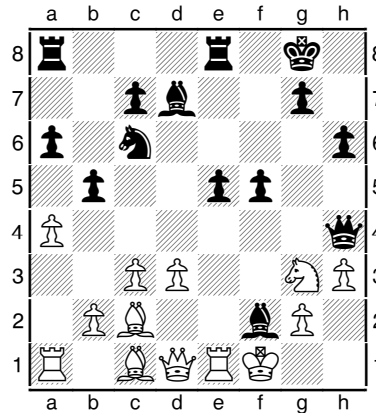
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Qd8 15.c5 a5 16.Qb3 bxc5 17.dxc5 Bc6 18.Nd4 Qc7 19.Rab1 Reb8
20.Qa2 e5 21.Nb5 Qd8 22.Nd6 Ne8 23.Bb5 Bxb5 24.Nxb5 Nc7 25.Nxc7
Qxc7 26.Qxd5 Rd8 27.Qc4 Nf6 28.Ne4 Nxe4 29.Qxe4 Rab8 30.Ba3 f5
31.Qc4+ Kh8 32.Rb5 Rd2 33.Rxb8+ Qxb8 34.Qb5 Qd8 35.c6 Rd5 36.c7
1-0**



Final Position. 1-0

Reigenborn, Jon (1693) - Le, Harry (1366)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.c3 Bd7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Re1 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.h3 Re8 9.Nbd2 a6 10.Ba4 h6 11.Nf1 b5 12.Bc2 Bf8 13.Ng3 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ne4 Nf6 16.Nfd2 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Qh4 18.a4 f5 19.Ng3 Bc5 20.Kf1 Bxf2



21.Kxf2 f4 22.Kg1 Qxg3 23.Bd2 Bxh3 24.Qf3 Qxf3 25.gxf3 Bf5 26.Bb3+ Kh7 27.Bd5 Bd7 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.d4 exd4 31.cxd4 Re8 32.Rxe8 Bxe8 33.Bxc6 Bxc6 34.Bxf4 Bd5 plus an insane # of moves ½-½

Tao, Jianning (1023) - Mills, Michael (1643)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bf4 Bd6 5.Nh3 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.Qxd4 e5 10.Qd2 Re8 11.Bd3 Nf8 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 f6 14.Bh4 Qb6 15.a3 Bd7 16.0-0 Rac8 17.b4 Rc4 18.Qd3 Rec8 19.f4 Bxh3 20.gxh3 exf4 21.Bf2 Qc7 22.exf4 Rc3 23.Qe2 Bxf4 24.Bf5 Bxh2+ 25.Kh1 Rd8 26.Be6+ Nxe6 27.Qxe6+ Kh8 28.Rae1 h6 29.Bxa7 Qd6 30.Rd1 Be5 31.Bc5 Qd7 32.Qxd7 Rxd7 33.Bd4 Bxd4 34.Rxd4 Rxd3+ 35.Kg2 Rxa3 36.d6 Ra6 37.Rfd1 Rb6 38.Kf3 Kg8 39.Kf4 Kf7 40.R1d3 g6 41.Ke3 f5 42.Kf4 Kf6 43.Ke3 Ke6 44.Kd2 Rbxd6 45.Rxd6+ Rxd6 46.Rxd6+ Kxd6 47.Kc3 b5 0-1

Reeves, Neil (1891) - Keating, Robert (2180)

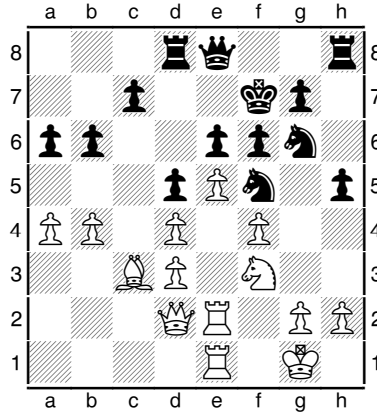
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Knapp, Joseph (2039) - Linscott, John (1857)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Bd3 c5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Bf4 Re6 20.axb5 axb5 21.Rxa8 Bxa8 22.Bxb5 Nxe4 23.Bc4 Re8 24.Nxe4 Rxe4 25.Rxe4 Bxe4 26.Qxd6 Qa8 27.f3 Bb7 28.Qd7 Ba6 29.Qxf7+ 1-0

Nelson, Kent (1824) - Kruml, Joseph (2146)

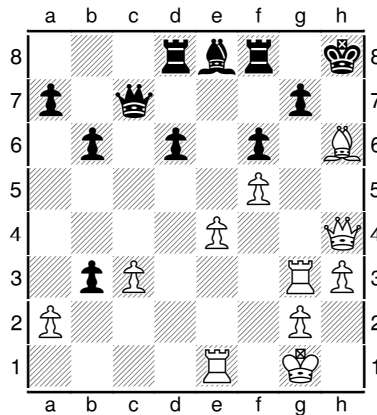
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8.Nf3 Bxd3 9.cxd3 h5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Nf5 12.Qe2 Qa4 13.Qf2
Nc6 14.0-0 0-0-0 15.Rfb1 Nce7 16.Ng5 Qe8 17.a4 a6 18.b4 Ng6
19.Qd2 f6 20.Nf3 Kd7 21.Re1 Ke7 22.Re2 Kf7 23.Rae1?**



**Qxa4 24.exf6 gxf6 25.Rxe6 Rhe8 26.Rxe8 Rxe8 27.g3 Rxe1+ 28.Nxe1
Qe8 29.Nc2 Qc6 30.Kf2 Nh6 31.h3 Kg7 32.Bb2 h4 33.g4 Nxf4 34.Bc1
Nxb3+ 0-1**

Zyuzin, Vladimir (1453) - Williams, Mack (1800)

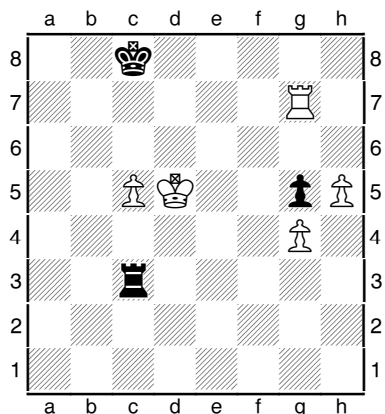
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7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Bb3 Bb4 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Qe7 11.Be3 d6 12.Qe2
0-0 13.h3 Kh8 14.f4 Nc6 15.Bd4 Bd7 16.f5 f6 17.Qf3 Na5 18.Rae1
Nxb3 19.cxb3 Rae8 20.Re2 c5 21.Bf2 Rf7 22.Bg3 Bc6 23.Rfe1 b6
24.Qh5 Rff8 25.Re3 Qc7 26.Rd3 Rd8 27.Bf4 Be8 28.Qh4 c4 29.Rg3
cxb3 30.Bxh6**



30..gxh6 31.Qxh6+ Qh7 32.Qxf8+ 1-0

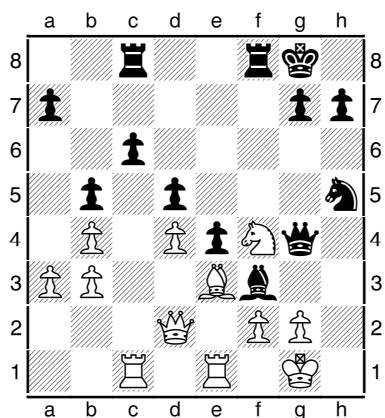
Mills, Michael (1643) - Behrens, Steven (1378)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.g3 0-0 5.Nf3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Ne4
 8.Qc2 c6 9.Bg2 Nd7 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.dxe5 Qa5 13.0-0
 Qxe5 14.Rd1 f5 15.Bf4 Qf6 16.Rd6 c5 17.Rad1 b6 18.h4 Ba6 19.Qa4
 Bb7 20.Bg5 Qg6 21.Qd7 Rf7 22.Be7 h6 23.Qxb7 Raf8 24.Qd7 e3
 25.Qxe6 exf2+ 26.Kxf2 Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Re8 28.Rd8 Rxd8 29.Bxd8 Rd7
 30.Bxb6 axb6 31.Rxb6 Ra7 32.Rb3 Kf7 33.Kf3 Ra6 34.e4 fxe4+
 35.Kxe4 Ke6 36.h5 Kd6 37.Kf5 Kc7 38.g4 Rf6+ 39.Ke5 Ra6 40.Kd5 g5
 41.Kxc5 Ra5+ 42.Kd4 Ra4 43.Kd5 Ra5+ 44.c5 Ra8 45.Rb6 Rxa3
 46.Rxh6 Rxc3 47.Rh7+ Kc8 48.Rg7 1-0 Final Position below.



Rajjan, Sanjay (1364) - Reigenborn, Jon (1693)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.0-0 d6 6.Nc3 Na5 7.Bb5+ c6
 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.a3 Nxb3 11.cxb3 Be6 12.Re1 Ng4 13.h3 Nf6
 14.b4 Nd7 15.Be3 f5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Rc1 Qe8 18.Kh1 Qf7 19.Nh2 d5
 20.d4 e4 21.Nb1 Rac8 22.Nd2 Bd6 23.Nb3 Qe6 24.Qh5 Nf6 25.Qe2
 Bxh3 26.Nc5 Qf5 27.b3 Bxh2 28.Kxh2 Bg4 29.Qd2 Qh5+ 30.Kg1 Bf3
 31.Ne6 Qg4 32.Nf4 Nh5 0-1



Final Position-0-1

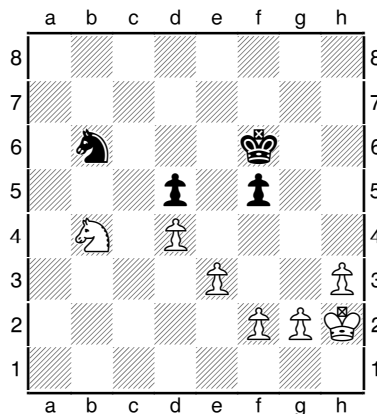
Tao, Arthur (1444) - Le, Harry (1366)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2
Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 d6 9.h3 0-0 10.0-0 h6 11.Re1 Re8 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5
Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd5 15.Nb3 Nb6 16.Bd3 Be6 17.Nc5 Bd5 18.Bb5 Qg5
19.Qg4 Qxg4 20.hxg4 Red8 21.e6 fxe6 22.Nxe6 Bxe6 23.Rxe6 a6 24.Be2
Re8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Bf3 c6 27.Rd1 Kf7 28.Kh2 Kf6 29.Kg3 Kg5
30.Rh1 Kf6 31.Rd1 Kg5 32.Rh1 Kf6 33.Rd1 Kg5 34.Rh1 Kf6 35.Rd1
½-½

Williams, Mack (1800) - Cusumano, Steven (1785)

Notes by John Hartmann

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 Bg4 4.Nf3 e6 5.c4 c6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nbd2
Nbd7 8.0-0 Bd6 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Re8 11.Qc2 Qc7 12.h3 Bh5
13.Rfe1 Bg6 14.a4 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 a5 16.Reb1 Ne4 17.Ba3 Ndf6
18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Qc2 Qb4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Ne5 f6 22.Nd3 Qc3
23.Qxc3 Nxc3 24.Rb2 b5 [24...Ne4 25.b4 axb4 26.a5] 25.b4 Nxa4
[25...axb4 26.a5 Na4 27.Rc2 b3 (27...c5)] 26.Rc2 Rec8 27.bxa5
Rxa5 28.Nb4 Raa8 29.Rac1 Kf7 30.Rxc6 [Δ30.Nxd5 Ke6 31.Nb4]
30...Rxc6 31.Rxc6 Rd8 32.Rc7+ Kg6 33.Kh2 f5 34.Nc6 Rd6
35.Ne5+ Kf6 36.Rf7+ Ke6 37.Rxg7 Rb6 38.Rxh7 b4 39.Rh6+ Ke7
40.Rxb6 Nxb6 41.Nc6+ Kf6 42.Nxb4 1-0



Final Position -1-0

Stepp, John (1747) - Tan, Ying (1843)

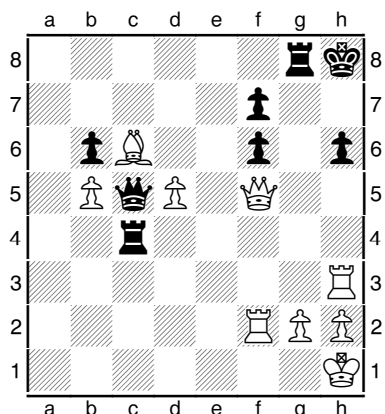
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14.Qd2 Qd7 15.Nf4 Rfd8 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Rfd1 d4 18.exd4 Bxg2 19.Nxg2
Bxd4 20.Ne3 Qe6 21.Qe2 Re8 22.Re1 Nb4 23.Bxb4 cxb4 24.Rxc8 Qxc8
25.Qb5 a6 26.Qf1 Re6 27.Nd5 Qc5 28.Rxe6 fxe6 29.Nf4 Kf7 30.Qxa6
Bxf2+ 31.Kg2 Qb6 32.Qc8 Bc5 33.Qh8 Qc6+ 34.Kh3 Qe4 35.Qxh7+ Kf6
36.Qh8+ Kf7 37.Qh7+ Kf6 38.Qh4+ Kf7 39.Qg4 Be7 40.Qe2 Qf5+
41.Kg2 Bd6 42.Nd3 Ke7 43.Qf3 Qb5 44.Qe4 Kf7 45.h4 Qa6 46.Qf3+ Ke7
47.Qe2 Qc6+ 48.Kh3 Qh1+ 49.Kg4 Qd5 50.Qf1 Qe4+ 51.Kh3 Qe3 52.Nf4
plus moves ½-½

Games Galore!

The Omaha City Championship

Klatt, Nathan (1824) - Holling, Robert (1700)

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd2 Nxd2
8.Qxd2 Na6 9.a3 Be7 10.Qe2 Nb8 11.Ne4 h6 12.0-0 a5 13.Nfd2 Na6
14.f4 c5 15.c3 d5 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Bb5+ Kf8 18.Nc4 Be7 19.Rad1 Bxe4
20.Qxe4 cxd4 21.cxd4 Nc7 22.Bc6 Rb8 23.f5 Bf6 24.fxe6 Nxe6 25.Ne5
Rc8 26.Nd7+ Kg8 27.Nxf6+ gxf6 28.d5 Ng5 29.Qf5 Kg7 30.Rd3 Rg8
31.Rg3 Kh8 32.Bb5 Rc5 33.Bc6 Qd6 34.b4 axb4 35.axb4 Rc4 36.b5
Qc5+ 37.Kh1 Ne4 38.Rh3 Nf2+ 39.Rxf2 1-0



Final Position-1-0

After an absence of many years, it is good to have Nathan and Bob return to Nebraska chess. Welcome back guys!-Ed.

Hartmann, John (1769) - Klatt, Nathan (1824)

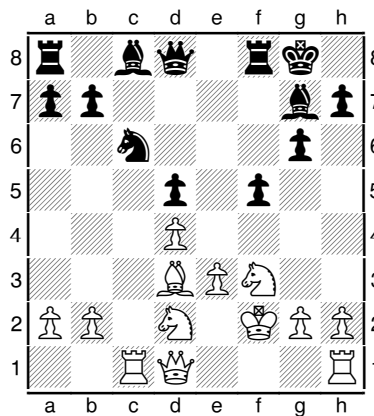
[Hartmann]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3
h6 8.Bf4 b6 9.Nf3 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.h3 Re8 12.Qc2 [12.Nb5 c5
13.Nc7 c4 14.Bf5] 12...c5 13.Rfe1 Bf8 14.Nb5 cxd4 15.exd4 Ne4
16.Qc7 Ba6 17.Bxe4?! [17.Qxd8 Rxd8 18.Rac1±] 17...dxe4
18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Nc7 exf3 20.Nxa6 Nf6 21.gxf3 Rxd4 22.Be3
[22.Be5 Rd2 23.Rad1 Rad8 24.Rxd2 Rxd2 25.Kf1 Nd5±] 22...Rh4
23.Kg2 Bd6 24.Rac1 Ra4 25.Nc7 Bxc7 26.Rxc7 Nd5 27.Rd7
Nxe3+ 28.Rxe3 Rxa2 29.Ree7 Rf8 30.Rxa7 Rxb2 31.Rab7 g5
32.Kg3 Kg7 33.Red7 b5 34.Rd5 Rc8 35.Rdxb5 Rxb5 36.Rxb5
Rc4 37.Ra5 Kg6 38.Ra6+ f6 39.Rb6 h5 40.Ra6 h4+ 41.Kg2 Rc5
42.Rb6 Kf5 43.Rb4 Rd5 44.Ra4 Ke5 45.Re4+ Kd6 46.Ra4 Kc5
47.Ra5+ Kd4 48.Ra6 [48.Rxd5+?? Kxd5 49.f4 gxf4 50.Kf3 Ke5+] 48...Rf5
49.Ra4+ Kc3 50.Ra3+ Kb2 51.Ra8 Kb1 52.Rc8 ½-½

(11) Dutiel, Tony (1808) - Knapp, Joseph (2030)

[Dutiel]

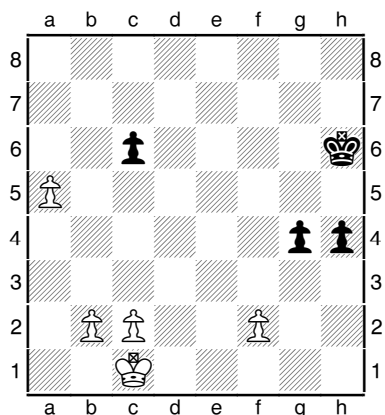
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 If I capture the pawn he can get it right back with Qa5+. **4.Be3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Nbd2** I saw that I could push back his Knight if I had played d5 instead here. I didn't want to overextend myself. I was trying just to get into a solid playable position out of the opening and not push too hard. [6.d5 Nb8 7.Bxc5 Nxe4 8.Bd4 Nf6 9.c4 d6 10.Bd3 e5 11.Bc3 0-0 12.Bc2 b5 13.cxb5 Bb7 14.Bb3 a6 15.Na3 axb5 16.Nxb5 Qd7=] **6...cxd4 7.cxd4 d5 8.e5 Ng4** Despite the fact that Fritz rates this move as its first choice, I still regretted allowing him to trade off his Knight for my Bishop. His attack comes very quickly without this key defender. 9. Bf4 keeps the balance. **9.Rc1 Nxe3 10.fxe3 0-0 11.Bd3** Too passive. Rc5! was the move. The point is that it prevents Joe from playing f6 since I can now capture on d5 followed by Bc4. **11...f6 12.exf6 exf6 13.Kf2?! A complete overreaction.** I wanted to castle here, but thought my King would be better off on f2 where it can defend my backward e-pawn. The alternative 13. Qb3 looked too risky after Re8! [13.0-0 Re8 14.Re1 Bh6 15.Nf1] **13...f5!** Diagram below.



Creating a lasting bind which prevents me from getting in e4, and makes way for the breakthrough f4 at some point. **14.Nb3** [14.g3 g5 15.Nb3 f4 16.exf4 gxf4 17.Be2 Bg4 18.Kg2 Qd6 19.Rc3] **14...g5 15.Re1?! I'm still focusing on my weak e3 pawn.** Meanwhile Joe is ignoring it and instead targeting my King! My last move removes the defender of h4. If I had just played 15. h3 instead, then he couldn't play g4 right away since that would open up my Rook and allow Bxh7+ after the capture on g4. [15.h3 g4] **15...g4 16.Nfd2 f4 17.e4?** [17.Kg1 fxe3 18.Nf1 Kh8 19.Nxe3 Nxd4 20.Bc2 Nxb3 21.Bxb3 d4 22.Nxg4 d3] **17...Nxd4 18.exd5** [18.Kg1 f3 19.Rf1 Qb6 20.Kh1 Qh6 21.g3 Nxb3 22.Nxb3 Bxb2 23.Rc5 dxe4 24.Bxe4] **18...Qh4+ 19.Kg1 g3 20.Nf3??** [20.h3 Bxh3 21.gxh3 f3-+; 20.Nf1 f3 21.Re4 gxh2+ 22.Nxh2 Qg3 23.Qf1 f2+ 24.Kh1 Nf5 25.Rcc4 Qe5 26.Qxf2 Ng3+ 27.Kg1 Nxe4] **20...Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3 Bg4 22.Bxh7+ Kh8 23.hxg3 fxg3 0-1**

Tan, Ying (1818) - Buckley, Matthew (1747)

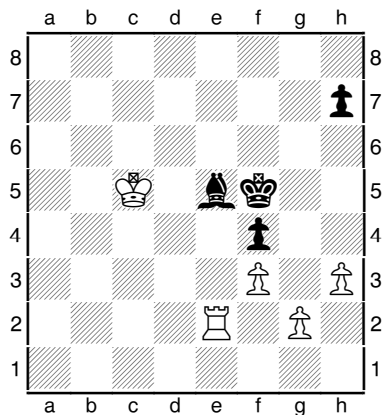
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Kxg7 14.h4 Ne4 15.Qd3 Bf5 16.Qa3 f6 17.hxg5 fxg5 18.Bd3 Ng3
19.Rg1 Ne4 20.Bxe4 Bxe4 21.0-0-0 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Qd6
24.Rg4 Rf6 25.Rdg1 Raf8 26.Re4 R8f7 27.Rg3 Rf4 28.Re6 Qxd4
29.Rxe7 Qf6 30.Rxf7+ Kxf7 31.Qb3+ Kg6 32.Qxb7 Rxf3 33.Rxf3 Qxf3
34.Qxa7 g4 35.a4 h5 36.Qd4 h4 37.Qd6+ Kg5 38.Qe5+ Qf5 39.Qe7+
Kh5 40.Qe8+ Qg6 41.Qh8+ Qh6+ 42.Qxh6+ Kxh6 43.a5 0-1



Final Position-0-1

Lyons, Ben (1540) - Koeppe, Ian (1761)

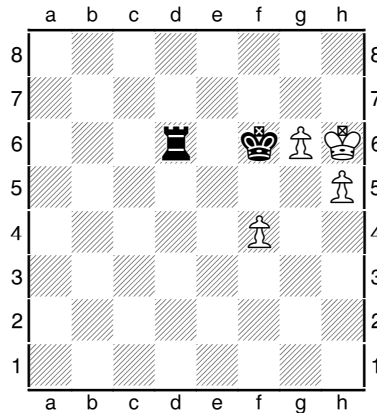
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14.Ne5 Bxe2 15.Nxc6 Bxd1 16.Nxe7+ Rxe7 17.Rxd1 f5 18.Bd2 a6
19.Rdc1 g5 20.a4 f4 21.b5 Re4 22.f3 Re7 23.exf4 Re2 24.Rd1 gxf4
25.Kf1 Re7 26.Re1 Rg7 27.Rab1 axb5 28.Rxb5 Rxa4 29.Rxb7 Rxd4
30.Bc3 Rc4 31.Bxg7 Kxg7 32.Rd1 d4 33.Ke2 Be5 34.Rb3 Rc2+ 35.Rd2
Rc4 36.Kd3 Ra4 37.Ke4 Kf6 38.Rb5 d3+ 39.Kxd3 Ra3+ 40.Kc4 Rc3+
41.Kb4 Re3 42.Rc2 Bd6+ 43.Kc4 Be5 44.Rb3 Re1 45.Rd3 Ra1 46.Kd5
Ra8 47.Rdd2 Rb8 48.Re2 Rb5+ 49.Rc5 c6+ 50.Kxc6 Rxc5+ 51.Kxc5
Kf5 Diagram below.



52.Rxe5+ Kxe5 53.Kc4 h5 54.h4 Kf5 55.Kd5 1-0

Klatt, Nathan (1824) - Slominski, Jerry (1864)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nf6 5.e5 Nc6 6.Qc4 Qa5+ 7.Bd2 Nxe5
 8.Bxa5 Nxc4 9.Bxc4 d5 10.Bb5+ Nd7 11.Ne5 Bg7 12.Bc3 a6 13.Bxd7+ Bxd7
 14.Nxd7 d4 15.Ba5 Kxd7 16.Nd2 Rac8 17.Rc1 Rc5 18.Nb3 Re5+ 19.Kf1
 Rc8 20.c3 d3 21.Bb6 Re2 22.Nc5+ Kc6 23.Nxd3 Rd2 24.Bd4 e5 25.Ke1
 Rxd3 26.Ke2 Bh6 27.Kxd3 Bxc1 28.Rxc1 Rd8 29.Ke4 exd4 30.cxd4+ Kd6
 31.Rc5 Re8+ 32.Kd3 Re1 33.Rc8 Rd1+ 34.Ke3 Re1+ 35.Kf3 Rb1 36.b3
 Rb2 37.Rd8+ Ke6 38.Rb8 Rxa2 39.Rxb7 Ra3 40.h4 Kd5 41.Ke3 h5 42.g3
 Kc6 43.Rxf7 Rxb3+ 44.Kf4 a5 45.Kg5 Rb7 46.Rf6+ Kb5 47.d5 a4 48.d6 a3
 49.Rf3 Kb4 50.Rxa3 Kxa3 51.Kxg6 Rd7 52.Kxh5 Rxd6 53.f4 Kb4 54.g4
 Kc5 55.g5 Kd5 56.g6 Ke6 57.Kh6 Kf6 58.h5 $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$



Final Position-draw
 An endgame for the engines!-Ed

Holling ,Robert (1700) - Ye, Luke (1310)

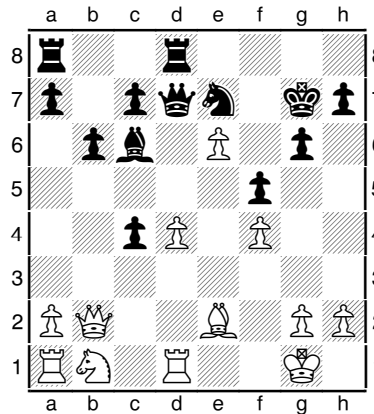
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 15.f4 Nxf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.e5 Bxg5 18.hxg5 g6 19.Ne4 Bf5 20.Nf6+ Qxf6
 21.exf6 Bxd3 22.Rxd3 c5 23.Rdh3 h5 24.Rf1 Rae8 25.Kd2 Re5 26.c4 Rxc5
 27.Rxf4 Rxg2+ 28.Kc3 Re8 29.Rff3 Kh7 30.Re3 Re2 31.Rxe8 Rxe8 32.b4
 b6 33.bxc5 bxc5 34.Kd2 Kh6 35.Ra3 Ra8 36.Ra6 Kg5 37.Ke2 Kxf6
 38.Rxd6+ Ke5 39.Rd7 f5 40.Kd3 g5 41.Re7+ Kf6 42.Re6+ Kf7 43.Re5 Kf6
 44.Re6+ Kf7 45.Re5 Kf6 46.Re6+ Kf7 47.Rc6 h4 48.Ke2 Kg7 49.Rxc5 h3
 plus moves 1–0

Herszbaum-Harding, Uri (1239) - Mills, Michael (1682)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 d6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0–0 6.0–0 Nbd7 7.b3 e6 8.Bb2
 c5 9.e5 Ne8 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Nb5 d5 12.Ba3 b6 13.Re1 a6 14.Nc3 Nc7
 15.Be2 f5 16.Na4 Nb5 17.Bxb5 axb5 18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.Nxc5 Qc7 20.b4 Rd8
 21.Nd4 Re8 22.f4 Qb6 23.g4 Bf8 24.gxf5 exf5 25.Kf1 Bxc5 26.bxc5 Qxc5
 27.Nb3 Qc4+ 28.Kg2 Bb7 29.Kg3 Ra4 30.Qf3 Re7 31.Qf2 d4 32.Red1 Qc3+
 33.Rd3 Qb2 34.Rxd4 Rxa2 35.Rxa2 Qxa2 36.Rd8+ Kg7 37.Qb6 Qa6
 38.Qd4 Qc6 39.Kh4 Kh6 40.Qf2 Qg2 41.Qg3 Qxg3+ 42.hxg3 Bf3 43.Nd4
 Be4 44.c3 Bd3 plus moves 0–1

Knapp, Joseph (2030) - Williams, Mack (1818)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.0-0 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 0-0 7.Qd2 Nd4 8.Nxd4
exd4 9.Bh6 Nc6 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.f4 f5 12.c3 d5 13.e5 dxc3 14.bxc3 Ne7 15.d4
Bd7 16.Be2 Qe8 17.Qb2 b6 18.c4 Bc6 19.Nd2 Qd7 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.Nb1 dxc4
22.e6



Position after 22. e6!

Qd5 23.Bf3 Qb5 24.Qxb5 Bxb5 25.Bxa8 Rxa8 26.Nc3 c6 27.d5 cxd5 28.Nxd5
Nxd5 29.Rxd5 Be8 30.Rc1 Rc8 31.Kf2 Kf6 32.Re5 Ke7 33.Ke3 b5 34.Kd4
Rd8+ 35.Rd5 Bc6 36.Rxd8 Kxd8 37.Kc5 Be4 38.Kxb5 Bd5 39.Rd1 1-0

Cusumano, Steven (1787) - Tan, Ying (1818)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.0-0 Bd6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 0-0
9.Qc2 Na6 10.a3 c5 11.Nb5 c4 12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.Bf5 Nc7 14.Bd2 a5 15.Ne5
Ne6 16.f4 b5 17.g4 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.g5 Rfd8 20.Kf2 Qd5 21.Ke2 Nf8
22.h4 Nd7 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Rg1 Qh3 25.Raf1 Qxh4 26.Rh1 Qg4+ 27.Ke1 b4
28.Rfg1 Qe6 29.axb4 axb4 30.Bxb4 Ra1+ 31.Kf2 Rxg1 32.Rxg1 Qh3 33.Rg3
Qh2+ 34.Rg2 Qh3 35.Rg3 Qh2+ 36.Rg2 Qh4+ 37.Ke2 Qh3 38.Rf2 Qg4+
39.Kf1 Ra8 40.Ba3 Ba6 41.Qc3 Qd1+ 42.Kg2 Qg4+ 43.Kf1 Rb8 44.Qa5 Qe6
45.Kg2 Ra8 46.Qc3 Qg4+ 47.Kh2 Bc8 plus moves 0-1

Ye, Luke (1310) - Le, Harry (1393)

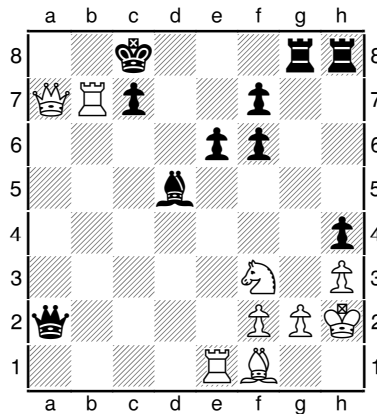
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15.Bb3 N7g6 16.h3 Bd7 17.N2f3 Nxf3+ 18.Nxf3 Bc6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Kh2
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George, Allen (1737) - Klatt, Nathan (1824)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Be7 5.d4 0-0 6.Bd3 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Ne5 Bb7 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Nb5 a6 12.Na7 Ra8 13.Nac6 Bxc6 14.Nxc6 Qe8 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxc7 Rfc8 17.Qg3 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Bd2 b5 20.Rfc1 h6 21.Rc7 Qe6 22.Rac1 Rxc7 23.Qxc7 Nf6 24.Qc6 Re8 25.Qxe6 Rxe6 26.Rc8+ Kh7 27.Kf1 Kg6 28.Ke2 h5 29.Bb4 Nd7 30.Rd8 Nf6 31.Rd6 Rxd6 32.Bxd6 Nd5 33.Kd2 Kf5 34.Kc2 Ke6 35.Bc5 g5 36.Kd2 g4 37.a3 f5 38.Ke2 Nf6 39.Bb6 Kd5 40.Bd8 Ne8 41.b3 Nd6 42.f3 Nb7 43.Bb6 Kc6 44.Ba7 Na5 45.fxe4 fxe4 46.Kf2 h4 47.Bb8 Nxb3 48.Be5 plus moves 0-1

Tan, Ying (1818) - Hartmann, John (1769)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.exd5 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qxd5 7.Bxf6 gxf6 8.Nf3 Bd7 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.0-0 0-0-0 11.c4 Qa5 12.Re1 h5 13.Bf1 h4 14.h3 Rdg8 15.Kh2 Qf5 16.Qd2 Ne7 17.Rab1 Bc6 18.d5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Bxd5 20.Qe3 Qxc2 21.Qxa7 Qxa2 22.Rxb7 Diagram below.



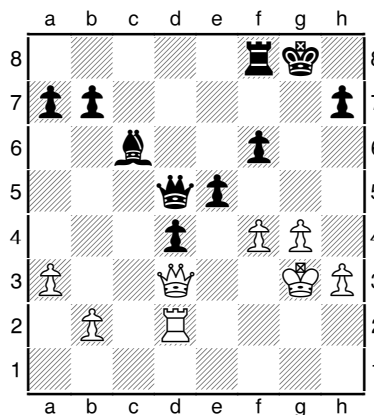
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Tao, Arthur (1435) - Cusumano, Steven (1787)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 a6 7.Ng5 e6 8.Qf3 Ne5 9.Qe2 Nxc4 10.Qxc4 Be7 11.Nf3 Nf6 12.Bf4 0-0 13.Rd1 b5 14.Qd3 e5 15.Bg5 Be6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Rfd8 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.a3 g5 21.h3 Bb3 22.0-0 h5 23.g4 hxg4 24.hxg4 Be6 25.Nh2 Rd2 26.Rb1 Rc2 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.exd5 e4 29.Rd1 Rxb2 30.d6 Ra2 31.d7 Bd8 32.Rd4 Kg7 33.Rxe4 Rd2 34.Nf3 Rxd7 35.Re3 f6 36.Kg2 Re7 37.Rd3 Bc7 38.Nd4 Re4 39.Ne6+ Rxe6 40.Rd7+ Kg6 41.Rxc7 Re4 42.Kg3 Ra4 43.Rc3 a5 44.Rb3 b4 45.axb4 Rxb4 46.Ra3 a4 47.f3 Kf7 48.Kf2 Ke6 49.Ke2 Kd5 50.Kd2 Ke5 51.Ke2 Rb2+ 52.Kd3 Rb3+ 53.Rxb3 axb3 and Black later won.

Mills, Michael (1682) - Holling, Robert (1700)

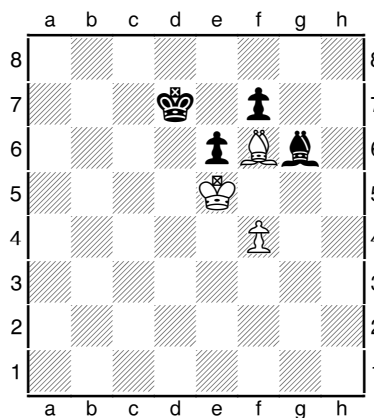
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30.f5 Rf7 31.b4 Bb5 32.Qf3 e4 33.Qf4 d3 34.Qe3 b6 35.h4 Rg7 36.h5 Qxf5 37.Qf4 Qxh5 38.Qxe4 Qe5+ 39.Kf3 Qxe4+ 40.Kxe4 Rxc4+ 41.Kf5 Rg6 42.a4 Bc4 43.a5 bxa5 44.bxa5 Kg7 45.Rb2 Rg5+ 46.Kf4 Rxa5 0-1

Ye, Luke (1310) - Koeppe, Ian (1761)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nxd4 5.Qxd4 e6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Bc4 Nc6 8.Qd1 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Be3 Ne5 11.Bb3 b6 12.Bf4 Nc6 13.Ba4 Bb7 14.Qd2 Bf6 15.Rad1 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Ba6 17.Rfe1 b5 18.Bb3 Bc8 19.Bd6 Re8 20.e5 a5 21.a4 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Ra6 23.Bc5 Qc7 24.Qd6 Qxd6 25.Rxd6 Nb8 26.Rxa6 Bxa6 27.Rd1 Nc6 28.Rxd7 Nxe5 29.Ra7 Rd8 30.Bd4 Be2 31.f4 Nc4 32.Kf2 Bg4 33.Bb5 Nd6 34.Bb6 Nxb5 35.Rxa5 Rd2+ 36.Kg3 h5 37.Rxb5 Rxc2 38.Bd4 Be2 39.Rg5 g6 40.Kh4 Bd3 41.g4 Rxh2+ 42.Kg3 Rh1 43.gxh5 Rxh5 44.Rxh5 gxh5 45.Kh4 Be2 46.Kg5 Kf8 47.Bf6 Ke8 48.Kh6 Bg4 49.Kg7 Bf5 50.c4 Bg6 51.c5 Kd7 52.Bd4 h4 53.Bg1 h3 54.Kf6 Kc6 55.Ke5 h2 56.Bxh2 Kxc5 57.Bg3 Kc6 58.Bh4 Kd7 59.Bf6 ½-½ Final Position below.



Holling, Robert (1700) - Dutiel, Tony (1808)

[Dutiel] with slight edits from Kent Nelson for formatting purposes.

This is our first rated game against each other since the 1998 Cornhusker State Games. Over 18 years ago! In that game I had white and played the Fried Liver Attack. My favorite gambit to this day. He defended well and went on to beat me. This time he has white and plays a gambit of another sort. **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4!? dxe4 4.f3 Bf5?! Not the best response. He can immediately regain the pawn if he plays 5. g4, Bg6 6. g5, Nfd7 7. fxe4. Although I do get a very playable position after 7...e5!. 5.Bg5 Nbd7** He was threatening Bxf6 followed by fxe4. I defend the pawn and develop a piece at the same time. The counter attacking 5..Nc6 runs into Bb5 where d5 is a threat. **6.h4?! Forever weakening his dark squares and preventing the natural Bh4 retreat in the event of ..h6. 6...h6 7.Bf4 e6 8.Bc4?! This allows me to gain another tempo. a better plan may have been g4 followed by Bg2. 8...Nb6 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Bd3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3** After a couple of piece trades I remain up a healthy pawn. My next move is a mistake. Once his Bishop got to e5, completing my development becomes tedious. **12...Nd5?! 12..Bd6** was the move here to remain a whole pawn ahead and not fall behind in development. Now he has some compensation for the pawn. **13.Be5 c6** Played with reluctance. I know I am weakening my dark squares and improving his Bishop at the same time. However, I had to prevent Qb5+ and Qxb7. **14.Ne2 Qd7** My idea is to play f6 and Qf7 in the event of Qg6. Fritz prefers b5 here so that my Knight can remain on d5. I felt it was too weakening. **15.c4 Ne7 16.h5 f6 17.Bg3?! Giving me yet another tempo. Much stronger would have been Bh2 where he can bump my Knight with g4 if I were to relocate it to f5, the best square for it. 17...Nf5 18.c5?! Not only does this move allow me to trade off his best piece, but it also forever weakens his pawn structure. All of this just to prevent me from playing Bd6. 18...Nxc3 19.Qg6+ Qf7 20.Qxc3 0-0-0** Finally getting castled. I considered playing 20...e5 here. But, I decided to get my King safe before opening up lines in the center. **21.c3** He want to move his Knight to g6. I think a better idea would have been Qa3 followed by Rb1 and Rh3-b3. **21...Rd5** 21... e5 was much more active. **22.Nf4 Rg5 23.Qf3 Be7 24.g4** He needs to get his King safe instead as will soon become clear. **24...f5 25.Ng6 Re8?** Rd8 was far better and I realized my error as soon as I moved. Thankfully I kept a straight face and didn't show my disgust over the board. **26.Rf1?** Missing his only chance in the game to at least draw. The missed variation was 26. Ne5 followed by Nxc6. I can't capture the Knight since my King will have no way of escaping his checks. This was why Rd8 was better since my King could then play d7-e8. **26...Bf6 27.gxf5** Better was 0-0-0. The text leaves his King in the direct line of fire. **27...Rxf5** I considered recapturing with check. But, that prevents me from getting in the overdue e5 break. Fritz actually picks as a first choice 27...e5 instead of recapturing. **28.Qe2 Rxf1+** Fritz still likes 28..e5 more. **29.Qxf1 e5 30.Qf5+** The problem with this move is that now the white queen is unprotected. This leads to the decisive winning shot. Better to play d5 and give up another pawn to avoid opening the e file. **30...Kb8 31.Kd2??** The final straw. The only way to avoid an immediate defeat was to move his King to a white square (e2 or f1). **31...Bg5+ 0-1**

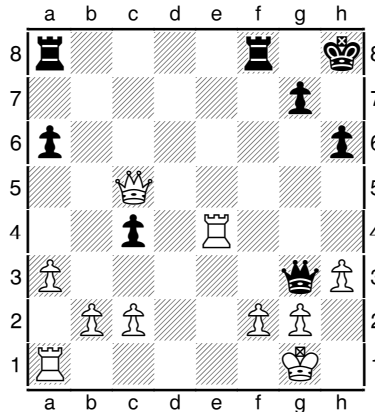
Games Galore!

UNO Maverick Open

Tournament held on 1/23/16-Final Standing in next Gambit.

Cusumano, Steven (1822) - Knapp, Joseph (2028)

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Ne2 Nf6 7.0-0 h6
8.Nbc3 0-0 9.h3 Be6 10.Bf4 a6 11.a3 b5 12.Bh2 Nbd7 13.Nf4 Nb6 14.Re1
Nc4 15.Bxc4 bxc4 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Rxe6 Ne4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Bg3 Qg5
20.Rxe4 Qxg3 21.Qd5+ Kh8 22.Qxc5 Diagram below

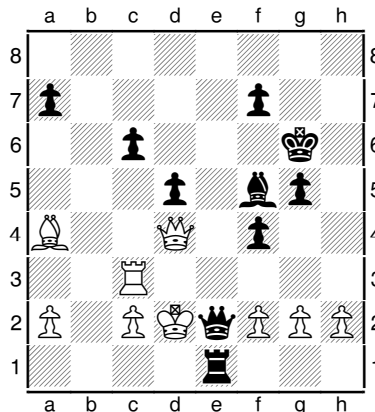


Rac8?? 23.Qxf8+ 1-0

A very rare blunder and loss from Joe. I guess he is human after all.-Ed.

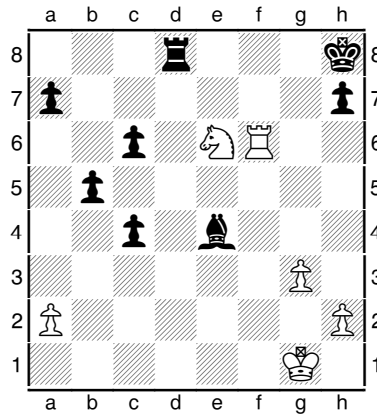
Herszbaum-Harding, Uri (1213) - Suresh, Abhinav (1863)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.Nc3 Ng6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Bb4 7.Bd2 0-0
8.Qe2 c6 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.0-0-0 Re8 11.Bc4 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Ng5 d5
14.e5 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Bb3 Qxc3 17.Rhe1 h6 18.Rd3 Qc5 19.Qd2 hxg5
20.exf6 Bf5 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Rc3 Qb5 23.fxg7 Kxg7 24.Qd4+ Kg6 25.Ba4
Re1+ 26.Kd2 Qe2# 0-1 Final Position below.



Opavsky,Rene (1792) - Dutiel,Tony (1789)

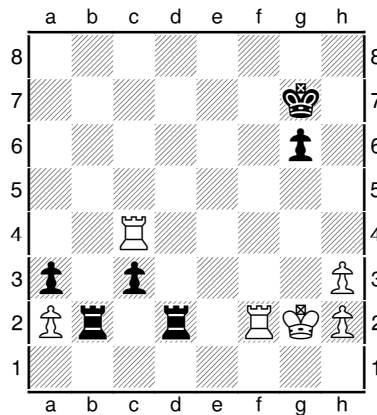
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nxf7 Kxf7 5.Nc3 Be6 6.d4 Be7 7.f4 d5
8.f5 Bc8 9.e5 Bxf5 10.exf6 Bxf6 11.Be2 Nc6 12.0-0 Nxd4 13.Bg5 Nxe2+
14.Nxe2 Be4 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Nf4 Rg8 17.Qh5+ Kg7 18.Ne6+ Kh8
19.g3 Qd6 20.Nf4 Rg5 21.Qh3 Qb6+ 22.Rf2 Qxb2 23.Rd1 Rag8 24.Qe6
Qe5 25.Qxe5 Rxe5 26.Nd3 Rf5 27.Rxf5 Bxf5 28.Nf4 c6 29.c4 dxc4
30.Rd4 b5 31.Rd6 Be4 32.Rxf6 Rd8 33.Ne6 Diagram below.



Rd1+ 34.Kf2 h5 35.Ke3 Bd5 36.Ke2 Ra1 37.Nd8 Rxa2+ 38.Kd1 0-1

Houser, Bryan (1320) - Opavsky, Rene (1792)

1.d4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.c4 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.d5
Nbd7 9.e4 a6 10.Ne1 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 h5 12.f3 Rb8 13.b3 Nxd5 14.cxd5
Bxc3 15.Bb2 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 b5 17.Nd3 a5 18.Qd2 Kg7 19.Kh1 Nf6
20.Qg5 Qd7 21.Rad1 Rh8 22.Nf4 h4 23.e5 dxe5 24.Qxe5 Qd6 25.Qg5
Nh5 26.Nxh5+ Rxh5 27.Qe3 h3 28.Qc3+ Qe5 29.Qxe5+ Rxe5 30.Rf2 a4
31.bxa4 bxa4 32.gxh3 a3 33.f4 Re3 34.d6 exd6 35.Rxd6 c4 36.f5 Rb1+
37.Kg2 Rb2 38.fxg6 fxg6 39.Rd7+ Kh6 40.Rc7 c3 41.Rc4 Rd3 42.Rh4+
Kg7 43.Rc4 Rdd2

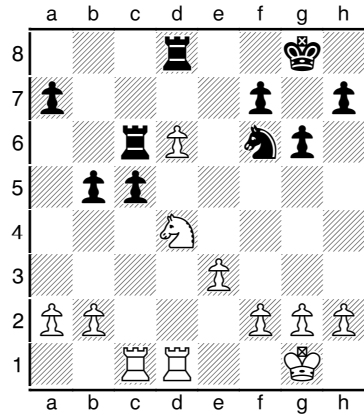


44.Rxd2 cxd2 45.Rd4 d1Q+ 0-1

Hartmann, John (1855) - Herszbaum-Harding, Uri (1213)

[Hartmann,John]

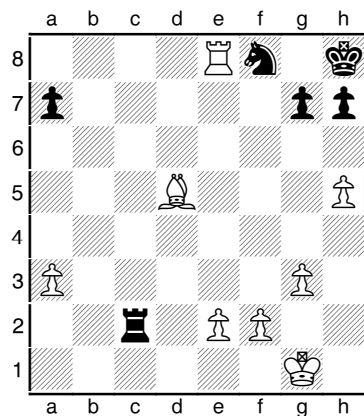
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 g6 7.e3 Bf5
8.Qb3 b6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Qxd5 Nd7 11.Bc4 0-0 12.Nf3 Be6 13.Qc6
Bxc4 14.Qxc4 c5 15.0-0 Rc8 16.d5 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 b5 18.Rfd1 Qf6
19.Qxf6 Nxf6 20.Rac1 [20.d6] 20...Rfd8 21.d6 Rc6 [21...Ne4 22.d7
Rc7 23.Ne5] 22.Nd4! Position below.



[22.d7 Rxd7 23.Ne5 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Ra6 25.a3=] 22...Rcxd6 [22...Ra6
23.Nxb5 Rxa2 24.Nc3 Rxb2 25.Na4 Rb5 26.Nxc5 Nd7] 23.Rxc5 a6
24.Rdc1 Ne4 25.Rc6 Rxc6 26.Rxc6 Rd6 27.Rxd6 Nxd6 28.Kf1 Kg7
29.Ke2 Kf6 30.Kd3 Ke5 31.Nc6+ Kd5 32.Nb4+ Kc5 33.Nxa6+ Kb6
34.Nb4 Kc5 35.Nc2 b4 36.Nd4 Nc4 37.Kc2 Ne5 38.h3 h5 39.Nf3 Nxf3
40.gxf3 f5 41.Kd3 g5 42.a4 g4 43.h4 gxf3 44.b3 Kb6 45.Kc4 Ka5
46.Kd5 Kb6 47.Ke5 Kc5 48.Kxf5 Kd5 49.Kf4 Ke6 50.Kxf3 Kf5 51.a5
1-0

Suresh, Abhinav (1863) - Cusumano, Steven (1822)

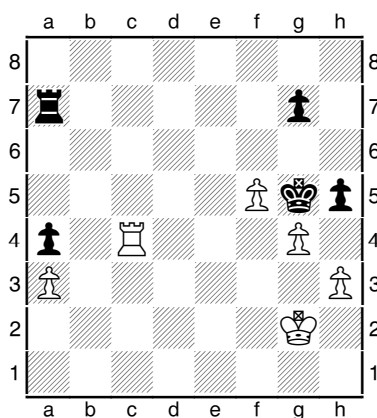
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Qc2 Nc6 6.Qxc4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+
8.Nbxd2 0-0 9.Bg2 Re8 10.Rc1 Qd5 11.0-0 Qxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.Nfe5
Nfd5 14.a3 f6 15.Nd3 c6 16.Nd6 Rd8 17.Nxc8 Rdx8 18.Nc5 e5 19.dxe5
fxe5 20.Nxb7 Rcb8 21.Na5 Rxb2 22.Nxc6 Rf8 23.Rc5 Rd2 24.Nxe7+ Nxe7
25.Rxe5 Ng6 26.Re3 Rb8 27.Rc1 Rbb2 28.h4 Rbc2 29.Rxc2 Rxc2 30.h5 Nf8
31.Bd5+ Kh8 32.Re8 1-0



Dostal, Don (1441) - Hartmann, John (1855)

[Hartmann,John]

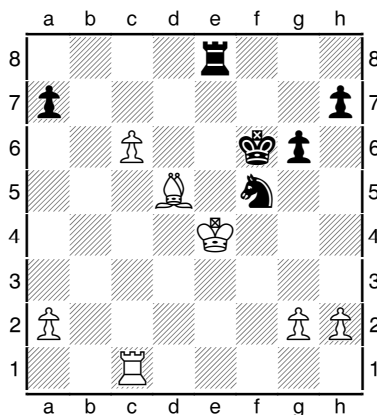
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nge7 4.Bf4 Ng6 5.Bg3 Qe7 6.Qd5 Qb4+ 7.Nbd2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qxc2 9.e3 Be7 [9...Nb4 10.Qd4 and i missed (10.Qb3 Qxa2 11.Qxa2 Nxa2 12.Bc4) 10...Qxb1+ 11.Nxb1 Nc2+] 10.Bc4 0-0 11.0-0 d6 [11...Nb4 12.Qd4 (12.Qb5 c6) 12...c5 13.Qe4 Qxe4 14.Nxe4 a6∞] 12.exd6 Bxd6 13.Bxd6 cxd6 14.Ng5 Nce5 15.f4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 h6 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.Nxd6 Qc7 19.Nxf7 Qxf7 20.Qxf7+ Kxf7 21.Rbc1 b5 22.Rc7+ Ne7 23.Rd1 Be6 24.a3 a5 25.Rb7 Bc4 26.Rdd7 Re8 27.e4 Be6 28.Rdc7 Bc4 29.f5 Bd3 30.g4 Bxe4 31.Rxb5 a4 32.Rb4 Bc6 33.Rb6 Kf6?! [33...Bf3 34.h3 h5] 34.Rxe7 Rxe7 35.Rxc6+ Kg5 36.Rc4 Ra7 37.Kg2 h5 38.h3
 Drawn on White's offer. ½-½



Final Position-draw game.

Slominski, Jerry (1849) - McFayden, Alexander (1522)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 g6 7.0-0 Nh6 8.Qb3 cxd4 9.Qxb7 Qc8 10.Qb3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nxe5 12.Bxd5 Rb8 13.Qa4+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Bf4 dxc3 16.Nxc3 Bg7 17.Rfe1 Nd3 18.Bxb8 Nxe1 19.Rxe1 Rxb8 20.Bb3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Rc8 22.Rc1 Nf5 23.Kf1 Nd6 24.f3 e5 25.Ke2 f5 26.c4 e4 27.Ke3 Ke7 28.c5 Nb7 29.Kd4 Kf6 30.fxe4 fxe4 31.c6 Nd6 32.Bd5 Nf5+ 33.Kxe4 Re8+ 34.Kd3 Rd8 35.Ke4 Re8+ 36.Kd3 Rd8 37.Ke4 Re8+ ½-½



2015 Final Player of the Year Standings

No	POY Player	Lincoln	Midwest	CSG	Omaha	GPO	Tot
1	J. Knapp	3.5	4.0		3.5	4.0	15.0
2	J. Hartmann	2.5	3.5	3.0	2.5	3.0	14.0
3	K. Nelson	2.5	2.0	3.5	2.5	3.0	13.5
4	S. Cusumano	2.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	13.0
5	T. Tan	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.5	13.0
6	T. Dutiel	2.0	3.5	2.0	2.5	2.5	12.5
7	J. Stepp	3.0		1.0	3.0	3.0	10.0
8	J. Linscott	3.5		3.0		3.5	10.0
9	H. Le	2.5	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	9.5
10	J. Slominski	2.0	3.0		2.0	1.5	8.5
11	A. Suresh		3.0		3.0	2.5	8.5
12	N. Reeves			4.0		3.5	7.5
13	D. Raines	2.5	1.5			3.0	7.0
14	M. Williams		2.0		2.0	3.0	7.0
15	B. Lyons		1.5		1.5	3.0	6.0
16	C. Forsman	2.0	3				5.0
17	M. Buckley		3		2.0		5.0
18	M. Mills		2		1.0	2.0	5.0
19	I. Koeppe		3		1.5		4.5
20	S. Rajjan		1		2.0	1.5	4.5
21	J. Reigenborn	2.0				2.5	4.5
22	L. Ye				1.5	3.0	4.5

No	POY Player	Lincoln	Midwest	CSG	Omaha	GPO	Tot
23	T. Mastny	2.0	2.0				4.0
24	T. O’Connor			4.0			4.0
25	W. Osborne	2.0				2.0	4.0
26	B. Fabrikant		3.5				3.5
27	G. Wirka		3				3.0
28	G. Revesz	3.0					3.0
29	N. Klatt				3.0		3.0
30	S. Behrens		1		0.5	1.5	3.0
31	P. Thomas		2.5				2.5
32	J. Carini		2.5				2.5
33	J. Trine	1.0				1.5	2.5
34	J. Ward		2				2.0
35	J. Solheim		2				2.0
36	R. Hux	2.0					2.0
37	J. Davidson			2			2.0
38	A. George				2.0		2.0
39	R. Anderson		1.5				1.5
40	R. Kappel	1.5					1.5
41	K. Motschman			1.5			1.5
42	J. Fitzpatrick		1.0				1.0
43	J. Tran	1.0					1.0
44	C. Carillo -And a few others with 1 point						
The players listed in Bold have qualified for the state closed championship							

Historic Chess Photo

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I. The Masters Who Visited Nebraska



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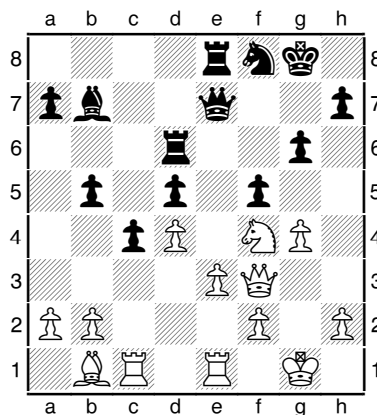
Harry Nelson Pillsbury (1872-1906), the Boston mental genius, may have been the first master to visit Nebraska according to early chess columns which recorded his exhibition in Lincoln, March 1, 1900, and his encore in March, 1901. His first trip he played 35 chess and checker matches, won 26, drew 6, and lost 3 at chess, but won all checker games. The next day he appeared again in a blindfold séance, playing 12 chess and 2 checker matches, allowing one draw and one loss in chess. He was noted for playing blindfold while taking a hand at whist and reciting lists of complex words, given to him prior to the exhibition, both forward and backwards.

World-Herald editor Harvey Newbranch, at the time a university student, recalled he went astray against Pillsbury in the 1900 visit and should have won. A year later on his return trip, Newbranch proffered a copy of the game, asking him to show him where he went wrong the year before.

Pillsbury brushed the score aside without looking at it, recalled the game from memory, and advised him of the winning procedure- - all this a year later after he played hundreds of games!

Pillsbury (wh) played blindfold against Neb champ P T Barron, leading Lincolnite of the early 1900 's.

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 b6
8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Rc1 c5 12.0-0 c4 13.Bb1 f5
14.Re1 b5 15.Nd2 Nf6 16.Nf3 Nd7 17.Nd2 Bb7 18.Nf1 Rae8 19.Ng3 g6
20.Ne2 Rf6 21.Nf4 Nf8 (Pillsbury offered a draw) 22.Qf3 Rd6 23.g4**

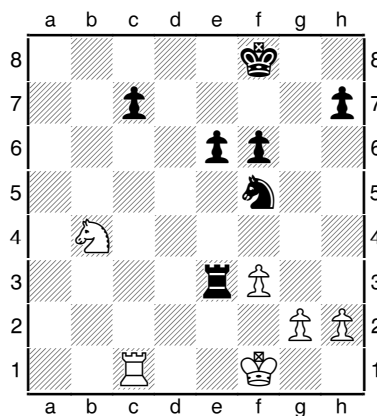


Position after 23 g4.

Qg5 24.Kh1 Qxg4 25.Qxg4 fxg4 26.Rg1 Ne6 27.Nxe6 Rdx6 28.Rxg4 Rf8 29.Kg1 Bc8 30.Rg5 Ref6 31.Rxd5 Rxf2 32.Rd8 Rxb2 33.Rxf8+ Kxf8 34.e4 Bh3 35.d5 Rg2+ 36.Kh1 Ke7 37.e5 Rg5 38.d6+ Ke6 White Resigns

Teenager John L Clark, who won the 1905 and 1906 state meets, later a N.Y. lawyer, as Bl, plays Pillsbury to a draw in 1900.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Ba4 exd4 7.c3 Be7 8.cxd4 b5 9.d5 Na5 10.Bc2 0-0 11.Bf4 Nac4 12.Qd4 Bf6 13.Be5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Qxe5 Re8 16.Qf4 Bb7 17.Nc3 Qf6 18.Qxf6 gxf6 19.Bb3 a5 20.a3 b4 21.axb4 axb4 22.Rxa8 Bxa8 23.Na2 Re2 24.Nc1 Rxb2 25.f3 Nf5 26.Re1 Kf8 27.Ba4 Bxd5 28.Bxd7 Nd6 29.Rd1 Be6 30.Nd3 Re2 31.Kf1 Re3 32.Bxe6 fxe6 33.Nxb4 Nf5 34.Rc1 Drawn.



Final Position-Drawn game.

Tournament Announcements

As of press time, the tournaments that are listed, are from the NSCA and the Omaha Chess web sites. Check those sites for tournament details!

- March 5th 2016-**State Team High School Championship** in Omaha.
- March 19th 2016-**St. Mary's Scholastic** in Bellevue.
- March 26th 2016-**Rated Beginners Open (UNO)** and **Rated Quads** also at UNO.
- April 16th 2016-**Rated Beginners Open (UNO)** and **Rated Quads** also at UNO.
- April 23rd 2016-**Brownell-Talbot Scholastic** in Omaha.
- April 30th 2016-**Fremont Chess Fest**-Fremont.
- April 30th 2016-**NSCA Nebraska Scholastic K-12 Individual Championships**-North American Martyrs-Lincoln.
- May 14th 2016-**Rated Beginners Open (UNO)** and **Rated Quads** also at UNO.
- June 6-10th 2016-**Omaha Chess Camp**.
- June 11-12th 2016-**Ames Open**-Iowa.
- June 18th 2016-**Lincoln City Championship**-Country Inn & Suites-Lincoln.
- July 23rd & 24th 2016-**Des Moines Summer Open**-Iowa.
- October 29-30-**Great Plains Open**-Country Inn & Suites-Lincoln

Notes

The Gambit c/o Kent Nelson

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