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This year's Canadian Junior Championship did not feature the absolutely strongest field in Shawinigan, Quebec but nonetheless produced a worthy new champion in Toronto's Haoyuan Wang, who went undefeated to finish just ahead of Hugues Masse, Igor Divljan and Sebastian Predescu. Two members of Canada's Olympiad team finished tied for first in the Girls Championship, but it was Anne Marie Charbonneau who bested Dinara Khaziyeva in a tense playoff for the title.

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Editorial

The day after tomorrow I'm on my way to play in the Keres Memorial in Vancouver. It will be my first time at this event, and my first tournament since the Canadian Zonal in Richmond last year. I know, I should really play more often...

Small local events or an occasional evening at the club are a nice way to keep in touch with friends, but it's the big blockbuster tournaments that keep the fire burning. Maybe a game or two against one of the big guns, and definitely a chance to catch up with chess friends from other cities and provinces that I haven't seen for a year or more.

I had an interesting discussion the other day with a friend at the club about the strength of players today vs

yesteryear. We have all heard the arguments: even inexperienced amateurs today are reasonably well versed in opening theory, and it is easier now than ever to improve your game with easy access to books and electronic databases. Mind you, I think that it is easy to underestimate the importance of raw talent, such as a natural sense for positional ideas and the ability to calculate, as factors that determine a player's potential.

All of us reach a plateau in our playing strength sooner or later, sometimes a temporary one, but eventually the final one that seems impossible to move beyond. As we get older our desire to work on the game tends to diminish somewhat, and so for most of us the time and

effort required to overcome whatever our weaknesses may be is more than we are able or willing to give. A couple of hundred rating points at the beginning of your chess career came easily enough, but the next hundred points probably took twice as long...

My friend, another Master rated around 2300, only smiled at the claim of a nearby Expert who suggested that becoming a Master should now be a trivial task considering he had just broken 2100 for the first time in a decade! If only it were true, I thought to myself, because then the star of this year's Keres Memorial would be someone not unlike myself, rather than a bright 16-year-old hunting for his first GM scalp!!

Knut Neven

Letters

Kitchener, ON

The following article was written by Colin Hunter and appeared in the *Kitchener Record* on July 19, 2002.

Chess master Hans Jung stands blindfolded as his opponent, 24-year-old Kitchener resident Shawn Phillips, makes his last move. If you're the wagering type, here's a safe bet: go to the outdoor chess tables at Kitchener City Hall, and put all of your money on Hans Jung.

Jung, an internationally recognized chess master, is organizer of the City of Kitchener's outdoor chess program.

As such, he spends his days keeping an eye on the eight public chess tables in City Hall's Civic Square. He gives helpful hints to players stuck on a move, arranges games between willing passersby, and imparts his love for the game to all who will listen.

And he's always up for a challenge. Yesterday afternoon, for instance, he took on 24-year-old Kitchener resident Shawn Phillips. Blindfolded. With his back turned.

The blindfold gimmick is one of many 'chess stunts' that Jung performs to attract onlookers, and hopefully cultivate interest in chess in the community. "People come over to look because they think it's a big

trick, but there's actually no trick to it," he said.

With an assistant telling him what pieces Phillips had moved and where, Jung called out his moves, visualizing the progress of the game in his head. Within 10 minutes he trounced Phillips with a checkmate. Phillips was neither surprised nor disappointed.

"I've played Hans maybe 20 times now, and I managed to get a draw game with him once. But for me, that's a win – to draw with a master," he explained. For 44-year-old Jung, the game was a cakewalk. His personal record is playing 26 blindfolded games simultaneously.

"I guess I'm lucky that my parents were kind of strict and sent me to bed early when I was younger. I would lie awake in bed, stare at the ceiling and visualize multiple chess games being played at once. That's how I learned."

Jung discovered chess while in high school in London, ON, and instantly became hooked. At 17, he placed second in the Ontario Junior, and six years ago he captured the Ontario Championship. In 1999, he was officially given the title of chess master by FIDE, the world's governing body for chess.

Jung sees the game as a kind of 'mental weightlifting' that can only benefit those who play it: "It's like a regular routine you would have for working your muscles, but it works your mind."

When the city asked him to organize the outdoor chess program, now in its third year, he jumped at the opportunity. "It's pretty exceptional, because there are outdoor chess tables in all the big cities in Canada, but I haven't seen this kind of support for chess anywhere else," he said.

The outdoor chess program started in May, and runs through Oktoberfest. Jung plans to hold several events between now and then to generate local interest in the game.

He even has a few more 'chess stunts' up his sleeve. He's considering taking on opponents for 24 consecutive hours in a 'chess marathon' during Oktoberfest.

Until then he'd be happy to practice with anyone, so if you think you've got what it takes to take on Kitchener's resident chess master, why not head down to City Hall and check, mate?

Hans Jung

21st Annual



Grand Prix

First, second and third prizes go to the players who accumulate the most points in the Open sections of seven events. Other prizes are won by those accumulating the most points in all events, in any section. Rating category is determined by established rating at the time of their first tournament in the then current Grand Prix. All others are eligible for the Unestablished Rating prize. For more info visit our website at www.eoca.org

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Under 1700	\$201
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2. R.A. Fall Open J.Chyurlia September 21–22
3. National Capitol Open N.Frarey October 25–27
4. Seaway Valley Open S.DeKerpel November 23–24
5. R.A. Winter Open M.Holmes January 11–12
6. Kingston Open R.Hutchinson February 1–2
7. R.A. Spring Open J.Chyurlia March 22–23
8. MacIntosh Open S.DeKerpel April 12–13
9. Arnprior Open M.Wasmund May 3–4
10. Eastern Ontario Open M.Holmes June 7–8

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Place: Location of the event
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EF: Entry Fee.
Sec: Sections tournament is broken down into
Prizes: \$\$BEN = Prizes based upon entries, \$\$Gxx = Guaranteed prize of xx
Reg: Registration time instructions
Org: Tournament organizer and contact information
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A tournament in a small town (under 75,000 population) may qualify for an LTIP grant. Write to the CFC for details of this program.

Ontario

NORMAXX Superior Scholastic

Date: May 24
Place: Prince Arthur Hotel, 17 North Cumberland St, Thunder Bay 5
Rds:
Type: Active Swiss
Times: 10:30, asap
TC: G/30
EF: \$35; \$15 late fee
Prizes: \$\$G2000
Sec: 09&U, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Reg: 09:00-10:00 at site; or cheques to Central Canada Chess League, Box 29132, Thunder Bay, ON, P7B 6P9, by May 5
Org: John Rutherford
 chessguy_eh@yahoo.ca

Hamilton May Active

Date: May 25
Place: Germania Club of Hamilton, 863 King Street East 5
Rds:
Type: Active Swiss
Times: 11, 12:15, 1:45, 3, 4:15
TC: G/30
EF: \$25; less \$5 Jr
Prizes: \$\$BEN
Reg: 10:00-10:45 at site; or cheques to Hamilton City Chess Club, c/o Marco A. Greco, 116 Empress Ave, Hamilton, ON, L9A 1M7
Org: Hamilton City Chess Club; Marco Greco (905)387-5178
 chesshamilton@canada.com
Misc: Bring sets, boards, clocks

London Chess Club May SD-T

Date: May 31
Place: Forest City Kiwanis Senior Centre, 78 Riverside Drive 4
Rds:
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 10, 12, 3, 5
TC: G/60
EF: \$17; Jr \$15
Sec: Open, U1700
Prizes: \$\$BEN
Reg: 09:30-09:45 at site
Org: Steve Killi (519)642-3684
Misc: Bring sets, clocks

Eastern Ontario Open

Date: June 7-8
Place: RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 9, 2, 7 / 9, 2
TC: 30/80, SD/60
EF: \$35; \$20 amateur option; \$10

Sec: late fee; less \$5 RACC members
 Open/U2150, U1850/U1600
Prizes: \$\$BEN
Reg: Until 08:40 at site; or cheques to Michael Holmes, 762 Smyth Rd, Ottawa, ON, K1G 1P1 by May 29
Org: Michael Holmes (613)733-4247;
 michael.holmes@sympatico.ca
Misc: Bye 1-3; bring clocks; EOCA Grand Prix event

Ottawa OYCC Summer Active

Date: June 8
Place: Room 7, Dalhousie Community Center, 755 Somerset Street West 4-6
Rds:
Type: Active RR
Times: 12:40, asap
TC: G/30
EF: \$8; less \$2 OYCC members, \$2 late fee
Prizes: Certificates
Org: William Yuan
 ottawayouthchessclub@rogers.com
Misc: Open to U18; bring clocks

Grey Bruce Chess Club Fathers Day Open

Date: June 14-15
Place: Hanover Civic Centre, Hanover 5
Rds:
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 9, 12:30, 5; 9:30, 2
TC: Rd1 G/90; Rds2-5 30/60, SD/60
EF: \$35; less \$5 Jr/Sr; \$5 late fee after June 6
Sec: Open, U1600
Prizes: \$\$BEN
Reg: Cheques to Scott Turner, R2 Durham, ON, N0G 1R0
Org: Scott Turner (519)369-5162
 scott_turner86@hotmail.com
Misc: Bring clocks

Hanover Fathers Day Open

Date: June 14-15
Place: Hanover Civic Centre, 10th St 5
Rds:
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 9, 12:30, 5 / 9:30, 2
TC: Rd1 G/90; Rds2-5 30/60, SD/60
EF: \$35; less \$5 Jr/Sr; \$5 late fee after June 6
Prizes: \$\$BEN
Reg: Cheques to Scott Turner, R2 Durham, ON, N0G 1R0
Org: Scott Turner
 scott_turner86@hotmail.com
Misc: Bring clocks

London Chess Club June SD-T

Date: June 28
Place: Forest City Kiwanis Senior Centre, 78 Riverside Drive
Rds: 4
Type: Regular Swiss

Times: 10, 12, 3, 5
TC: G/60
EF: \$17; Jr \$15
Sec: Open, U1700
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: 09:30–09:45 at site
Org: Steve Killi (519)642–3684
Misc: Bring sets, clocks

Barrie 2 In 1 Active

Date: July 5–6
Place: Optimist Club of Barrie, 7 Currie Drive, Midhurst
Rds: 5+5
Type: Active Swiss
Times: 11, 12:15, 1:45, 3, 4:15 / 11, 12:15, 1:45, 3, 4:15
TC: G/30
EF: \$30 per event, or \$50 for both; discounts for Jr/Sr
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: 10:00–10:45 at site
Org: Bryan Wood (705)728–5295
 bwood@sympatico.ca
Misc: Bye 1–3; bring sets, clocks

8th Annual K-W Fall Active

Date: September 6
Place: Kitchener City Hall
Rds: 5
Type: Active Swiss
Times: 9:30, asap
TC: G/30
EF: \$25; less \$5 Jr/Sr; \$10 late fee after August 30
Sec: Open, U1600
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: 08:30–09:15 at site; or cheques to Albert Den-Otter, 11 Hermie Place, Kitchener, ON, N2H 4X9
Org: Albert Den-Otter (519)744–5213
 ardenotter@hotmail.com
Misc: Bye 1–4

British Columbia

Croatian Community CC

Date: Sundays
Place: Croatian Cultural Center, 3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver
Rds: 5
Type: Active Swiss
Times: 1, ASAP
TC: G/30
Org: Robert Topic (604)298–0543
 bernardtopic@shaw.ca

Kelowna Summerfest

Date: July 5–6
Place: Sandman Inn, 2130 Harvey Ave
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 9, 2, 7 / 9, asap
EF: \$25, \$20 Sr, \$15 Jr; entry + \$12 new CFC
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Org: Wally Steinke
 wsteinke@sd22.bc.ca

(250)545–6677 or Ian Higgs
 ianofski@cablelan.net

Alberta

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Date: Monday nights
Place: Edmonton Chess Club
Rds: 4
Type: Active Swiss
TC: G/30
EF: \$2
Reg: 18:30–19:15 at site
Org: John Quiring (403)468–9173

New Brunswick

CRCC Tornados

Date: July 12, September 13, November 8
Place: NBCC Cafeteria, Youghall Drive, Bathurst
Rds: 4
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 9, 11:30, 2:30, 5
TC: G/60
EF: \$20, \$10 U14
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Reg: Leo Legacy (506)783–3121
 leolegac@nb.sympatico.ca
Misc: Bring sets, clocks

New Brunswick Open

Date: June 20–22
Place: Room D-203, Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne, 715 Priestman St, Fredericton
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss
TC: Rd1 SD/120; Rds2–5 40/120, SD/60
Times: 6:30 / 10, 4:30 / 9, 3:30
Reg: 17:15–18:00 at site
EF: \$25 by May 24; \$30 by June 15; \$35 at site
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
Org: Chris Maund
 chris.maund@gnb.ca
Misc: Bye 1–4; bring sets, clocks

Nova Scotia

George Beals Open

Date: June 28 to July 1
Place: Room A201, DalTech Campus of Dalhousie University, 1360 Barrington Street, Halifax
Rds: 8
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 12, 6 / 10, 4 / 10, 4 / 10, 3:30
TC: 30/90, SD/60
EF: \$35; \$30 Jr/Sr; \$20 Cd; \$10 amateur; \$5 late fee
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
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to Albert Ede, 59 Brook Street, Sackville, NS, B4E 1C1, by June 6
Org: Albert Ede (902)865–5856
Misc: Bring sets, clocks

Paul Hake Memorial

Date: August 29 to September 1
Place: Room A201, DalTech Campus of Dalhousie University, 1360 Barrington Street, Halifax
Rds: 8
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 12, 6 / 10, 4 / 10, 4 / 10, 3:30
TC: 30/90, SD/60
EF: \$35; \$30 Jr/Sr; \$20 Cd; \$10 amateur; \$5 late fee
Prizes: \$ \$BEN
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Org: Albert Ede (902)865–5856
Misc: Bring sets, clocks

Maritime Open

Date: October 11–13
Place: Room A201, DalTech Campus of Dalhousie University, 1360 Barrington Street, Halifax
Rds: 6
Type: Regular Swiss
Times: 12, 6 / 10, 4 / 10, 3:30
TC: 30/90, SD/60
EF: \$35; \$30 Sr; \$25 Jr; \$15 Cd
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Canadian Junior Shawinigan

by IM David Ross

The 2003 Canadian Junior was held January 3–6 in Shawinigan, Quebec at the Auberge du Gouverneurs with a small field of only 22 participants. For the first time in its history, the tournament was also a qualifier for the Pan-Am, with the following winners in each age category:

U10 Lloyd May
U12 Justin Macdonald
U14 David Peng Yu
U16 Jordan Clyde
U18 Haoyuan Wang

Canada has never sent more than two or three representatives to the Pan-Am Championships, and this year will hardly be any different. The absence of IM Mark Bluvstein, FM Eric Lawson and NM Thomas Roussel Roozmon significantly weakened the field this year – normally this might be an indication of problems, but these players were all in Europe hunting for title norms!

The remaining players included four National Masters, and that meant keen competition regardless of the absence of the big guns. The front runners were top seeds Igor Divljan and

Haoyuan Wang. Dinara Khaziyeva and Anne Marie Charbonneau, the only girls in the event, immediately made their presence felt when Anne Marie upset Igor in a disastrous first round upset that would leave a mark on the rest of the event...

In the end Haoyuan Wang emerged as Canadian Junior Champion, while Anne Marie Charbonneau won a playoff over Dinara Khaziyeva to claim the Canadian Junior Girls title.

Notes by David Ross

Charbonneau, Anne Marie
Divljan, Igor

Shawinigan CA ch jr (1), 2003

Queens Indian: Petrosian E12

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.♟f3 b6 4.a3

Kasparov himself has employed the Petrosian System with excellent results.

4...♟a6 5.e3

Very solid.

5...c5 d5

Here 5...♟e7 and 5...d5 are also popular.

6.♟e2

A very unusual move order – usually White prefers 6.♟c3.

6...cxd4 7.♟xd4 ♟b7 8.0-0 ♟e7
9.b3 0-0 10.♟b2 a6 11.♟d2 d6
12.♟f3 ♟c7

Black has quietly built up a hedgehog formation, which usually promises roughly level chances.

13.♟c1 ♟bd7 14.♟c2

Just equal is 14.♟xb7 ♟xb7 15.♟f3.

14...♟ac8 15.♟b1 ♟c5 16.♟a1
♟fe8 17.♟fd1 ♟xf3 18.♟2xf3 ♟b7
19.♟e1

The problem with following stereotypical patterns against higher rated opposition is that they will usually outplay you. White has to be weary of the pawn breaks ...d5 and

...b5 while his own position is far too passive for active counterplay.

19...♟c7 20.♟d3 ♟ec8 21.♟e2
♟fd7 22.♟ef4 b5 23.cxb5 axb5
24.♟e2 ♟a6

Black can certainly play 24...d5!

25.♟xc5 ♟xc5 26.b4 ♟d7
27.♟xc7 ♟xc7 28.♟c1 ♟xc1+!
29.♟xc1 ♟b6!

Black enjoys a comfortable advantage, given that his extra central pawn is far more mobile than White's queenside majority.

30.♟c3 ♟c4 31.♟b1 d5 32.♟c2
♟xb4! 33.♟xg7 ♟xa3 34.♟xa3
♟xa3 35.♟b2

Clearly better is 35.♟d4!

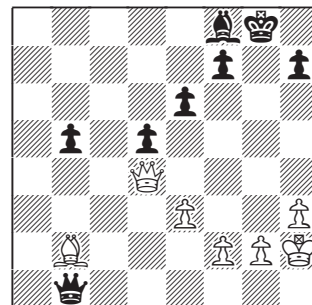
35...♟a2 36.h3 ♟c4 37.♟b1 ♟f8
38.♟a1 ♟c6?

Poor Igor has done everything right, but now one or two poor moves suddenly render the position rather unclear. Better is 38...♟c2!

39.♟a7

Or 39.♟d1!

39...♟c2 40.♟d4 ♟b1+ 41.♟h2



Anne Marie has succeeded admirably in drumming up a measure of counterplay, leaving Igor to contemplate the unfortunate turn of events in his upcoming time trouble. The fatal error follows soon enough!

41...♟d6+?

Still fine for Black is 41...f6! 42.♟xf6 ♟f5.

42.f4 ♟f8??

And here 42...e5 43.fxe5 ♟f8!
44.♟g4+ ♟g6 45.♟d7 b4 holds the defense.

43.♟h8+! ♟e7 44.♟f6+ ♟d7
45.♟d8+ ♟c6 46.♟c8+ ♟c7

Forced!

47.♟e5 ♟c5 48.♟xc7+ ♟b4
49.♟xf7 1-0.



Anne Marie Charbonneau

Notes by
David Ross

Tang, Charlie
Khaziyeva, Dinara
Shawinigan CA ch jr (2), 2003
French: Wing Gambit C00

In round two NM Charlie Tang is nicked for a draw by Dinara.

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4?!

White's compensation for this pawn sacrifice is nebulous at best. He has more space and a lead in development, but Black's position offers no real targets.

4...cxb4 5.a3 dxc6

Black's most common reaction. I have had good success also with 5...b3!? followed by ...b6 and ...a6 while 5...d4!? and 5...h6!? are also interesting.

6.axb4

FM Paul Ross once played a very cool game in this line against GM Kevin Spraggett at the 1989 Canadian Closed that ended in a draw.

6...c7?!

This early commitment of Black's queen scores very poorly in practice, and therefore most players prefer 6...dxc6.

7.d4 axb4+ 8.c3 a6 9.d3 a6 10.0-0 d7 11.a3

It is logical to trade off his potentially bad bishop and hope to exploit the weakened dark squares later. Also possible is 11.dg5!? or perhaps 11.bbd2.

11...c8

Here 11...a7!? is playable.

12.a7xe7 dgxe7 13.dg5 h6 14.h5! g6 15.h3?!

More accurate is the retreat 15.h4! when White has reasonable compensation for his pawn, but no more than that.

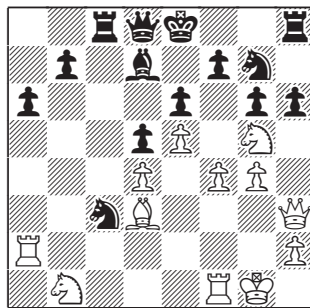
15...a7! 16.h4 d8 17.f4 f5 18.h3

More sense makes 18.dxf5! gxf5 (also playable looks 18...exf5 19.f2 b5 20.b2 c6) 19.h5 e7 20.f3.

18...b5

Interesting alternatives are 18...e7!? 19.g4 dg7! or perhaps 18...b5!? 19.dxf5 gxf5 20.f2 e7 21.b2 f8 22.f3 g7 23.e1 h5 24.d3.

19.g4!? dg7 20.a2 dxc3



21.dxf7! gxf7 22.a6g6+?

Not good enough. Instead White keeps some practical chances after 22.dxc3! dxc3 23.d6g6+ g6g6 24.h3.

22...g6 23.f5+ g7

Perhaps not so easy to calculate during the game, but Black wins after 23...exf5! 24.gxf5+ (or 24.dxc3 fxg4 25.e3 f5 26.d3) 24...dxf5 25.g2+ g5!! 26.d5g5+ hxg5.

24.dxc3 exf5 25.dxd5 f8?

Much better is 25...c6!

26.g5! g6g5+?

Very good for Black is 26...h5! 27.f6+ g6 28.d5 b5 29.e1 c4 30.d2.

27.dg2 d8 28.g3 g5 29.a3??

But here White should settle for the repetition with 29.h3.

29...h4?

Time trouble could be an explanation for the sudden blunders on both sides. Black wins easily with 29...g2+!! 30.g2 c6.

30.d6 a6 31.f4 f7??

Correct is 31...g8 and Black wins again.

32.dxe6 c6

Or 32...e7.

33.d8! e7 34.e7 dxe7 35.dg7 dg7 36.dg7+ g7 37.f5 g6

Black holds the balance in the ending after 37...c8! After the text White, if anything, is a little better. An amazing turn of events!

38.f8 c7 39.e6 g7 40.f3 b5 41.d5 e7 42.f2 e8 43.f7+ g6 44.e3 b4 45.b7 a5 46.d4 f6 47.f7+ g6 48.a7

The obvious 48.e5! wins.

48...b3 49.dxa5??

Charlie's last chance to win is 49.c3! a4 50.dxa4 f6 51.a7 e5 52.d7.

49...b8!

Now it's a draw. Overall a great battle filled with many fine points, but also some real 'howlers' as GM Seirawan calls them!

50.a1 b2 51.b1 f6 52.c5 e7 53.d4 d6 54.e4 b5 55.h3 b3 56.f5 e7 57.e5 e3+ 58.d4 b3 59.c4 b8 60.c5 b3 61.c4 b8 62.c3 b5 1/2-1/2.

Notes by
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Wang, Haoyuan
Masse, Hugues
Shawinigan CA ch jr (3), 2003
Italian C54

This round brought the first clashes between contenders, leaving only Haoyuan Wang, Anne Marie Charbonneau, Sebastian Predescu, Raja Panjwani and Hugues Masse tied for first with 2.5/3.

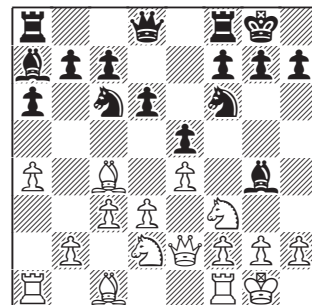
1.e4 e5 2.d3 d6 3.c4 c5 4.c3 d6 5.e2!?

An interesting and viable alternative to the usual 5.d4.

5...d6 6.a4 a6 7.d3 a6 8.bbd2 a7!

I like this quiet retreat. Black withdraws the bishop to a safe square while awaiting further developments. The only game in my database continues with 8..h5 and an edge to White after 9.dxe6!

9.0-0 0-0 10.dg5 dg4! 11.dgf3



11...e7

Very solid, but quite interesting as well is 11...h5!? 12.b3 (or 12.g3 f6!) 12...f6 13.e3 f4 14.dxf4 fxf4 with an edge to Black.

12.b3 d7 13.a3 b6 14.d5

**♟d8 15.♟bd2 ♟xd5 16.exd5 c6
17.♟xa7 ♟xa7 18.♟e3 ♟a8
19.dxc6 ♟xc6 20.d4 ♟c7 21.h3
♟f5**

Also level is 21...♟xf3 22.♟xf3 exd4
23.♟xd4 ♟fe8.

**22.♟fd1 ♟fe8 23.dxe5 dxe5
24.♟c4 ♟g6 25.♟c5 f6 26.♟h4
♟f7 27.♟d6?!**

Instead 27.♟f5! is good enough for a
small advantage.

**27...♟ed8 28.♟xf7 ♟xf7 29.♟f5
♟e6 30.♟d6 ♟ab8 31.♟c4 h6
32.a5**

While a draw is the most likely result
after 32...♟e7 in any case, White can
certainly keep playing since any small
advantages in this position are his.

½-½.

Notes by **David Ross**

**Predescu, Sebastian
Panjwani, Raja**

Shawinigan CA ch jr (3), 2003

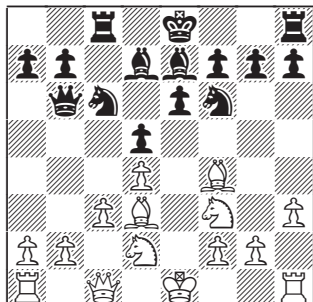
Queen Pawn D02

Sebastian has matured into a Master
strength player under the tutelage of
IM Tom O'Donnell, and exhibits the
same endgame prowess as his
mentor. The last few years have also
seen a gradual sharpening of his
opening repertoire, but here 'Seb'
reverts to an old favorite that does not
cause Raja any problems.

**1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟f3 e6 3.♟f4 c5 4.e3
♟b6!**

That is the problem with this opening!
The late, great English GM Tony Miles
often played this setup, now turning
to 5.♟c3 in big games instead of the
harmless text.

**5.♟c1 ♟c6 6.c3 d5 7.♟bd2 ♟e7
8.♟d3 ♟d7 9.h3 cxd4 10.exd4
♟c8**



Although this position is objectively
equal, White has an abysmal score in
tournament practice.

11.0-0 ♟b4! 12.♟b1?

Better is 12.♟e2 ♟b5 with equality
after 13.♟d1 ♟xe2 14.♟xe2 ♟c6
15.♟ab1.

**12...♟b5 13.♟e1 ♟d3 14.♟xd3
♟xd3 15.♟e5 ♟g6 16.♟h2 ♟d8**

Raja knows that Black's best plan is to
attack on the queenside with his
pawns, and so he gets the queen out
of the way. A similar idea is 16...♟a5!?

**17.♟d1 0-0 18.♟xg6 hxg6 19.♟e2
♟d6 20.♟xd6**

A little more ambitious is 20.♟e5.

20...♟xd6 21.♟e3 ♟d7 22.f4?!

And here 22.a4 is better.

**22...♟b6 23.♟f2 ♟c4 24.♟b3 a5
25.♟c5 b6 26.♟d3 ♟c7 27.a3**

Again 27.a4 looks more appropriate.

27...♟d6 28.♟e3

Black can now hardly go for ...b5 in
light of the response ♟c5 and so the
position is more or less equal.

½-½.

Notes by **David Ross**

**Masse, Hugues
Predescu, Sebastian**

Shawinigan CA ch jr (4), 2003

King's Indian: Sämisch E87

Masse played his best game today,
and it looks as though 1.d4 suits his
abilities better than 1.e4.

**1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 g6 3.♟c3 ♟g7 4.e4
d6 5.f3 0-0 6.♟e3 e5**

Many really strong GMs play this line,
but for the rest of us it is far too easy
to slip into a bleak position with a
significant space disadvantage.

**7.d5 ♟h5 8.♟d2 f5 9.0-0-0 ♟d7
10.♟ge2 ♟df6 11.h3 fxe4**

The alternative is to close the
kingside with 11...f4 and gradually
begin operations on the other wing.

12.fxe4 ♟f7?

Better is 12...♟e7.

13.c5?!

Also reasonable is 13.g4 ♟f4 14.♟xf4
exf4 15.♟xf4 ♟e8 16.♟d3 ♟d7
17.♟df1 ♟e5 when I find it hard to
believe that Black has enough

compensation for the pawn.
Sebastian, however, must have
intended this.

13...♟f4

Here 13...♟d7! makes more sense.

14.g3! ♟xe2+ 15.♟xe2

Black stands very poorly. White
enjoys a huge space advantage and
superior piece coordination.

15...♟d7 16.g4! ♟e7 17.cxd6

There are other ways of playing this
position, but the text is good enough.

17...cxd6 18.♟b1 a6

Too slow, but even 18...b5!? 19.g5
♟h5 20.♟xh5 gxh5 21.♟e2 h4 leaves
White firmly in control.

19.♟c1 b5 20.♟d3

Also good is 20.g5 ♟h5 21.♟xh5 gxh5
22.♟d1 ♟f3 23.♟c7 ♟d8 24.♟b6 ♟c8
25.♟xc8 ♟xc8 26.♟f2 h4 with a
similar outcome to the previous note.

20...♟e8

Black should continue immediately on
the queenside with 20...b4! 21.♟e2
a5.

21.♟e2! ♟b7 22.♟g3 ♟c7?

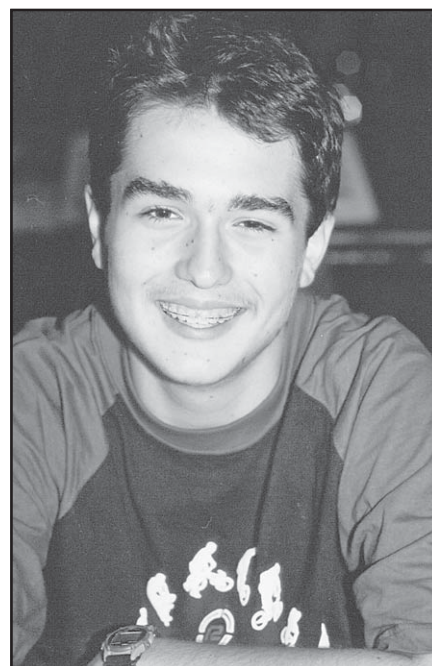
Better is 22...♟d7.

23.♟xc7

Both players apparently missed
23.♟b4!

**23...♟xc7 24.♟c1 ♟b7 25.♟c2 h6
26.♟c7**

Black is very cramped, and although
Hugues is still clearly better after the



Sebastian Predescu

queen exchange, White has a more favorable approach in 26.♖d2! ♖h7 27.g5 hxg5 28.♙xg5 b4 29.♗f2 ♖d7 30.♙e3.

26...♗xc7 27.♙xc7 ♖f8?

Here 27...♙d7 makes more sense.

28.♙d2?!

Why not 28.g5!

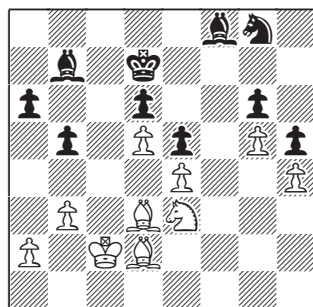
28...♙d7 29.b3 ♖e7 30.♙c1 ♙c8

31.♙xc8 ♙xc8 32.♖c2

Black's awkward piece placement renders his position nearly hopeless in the coming endgame.

32...♖d7 33.♖f1 h5? 34.g5 ♖g8

35.h4 ♙f8 36.♖e3 ♙b7



37.a4! bxa4 38.bxa4 ♖e7 39.♙f1 ♖c8 40.♙h3+ ♖e8 41.♖c4 ♖a7 42.♙b4 ♙c8 43.♙f1 ♙d7 44.♖b3 ♖c8 45.♖b2 1-0.

Notes by
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Divljan, Igor
Panjwani, Raja

Shawinigan CA ch jr (5), 2003

Nimzo Indian: Rubinstein E45

Igor makes a practical if not quite correct sacrifice that wins immediately when Raja blunders a whole rook.

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♖c3 ♙b4 4.e3 b6 5.♖ge2 ♙a6 6.a3 ♙xc3+

This exchange is playable, but requires a lot more accuracy from the second player than the somewhat superior alternative 6...♙e7.

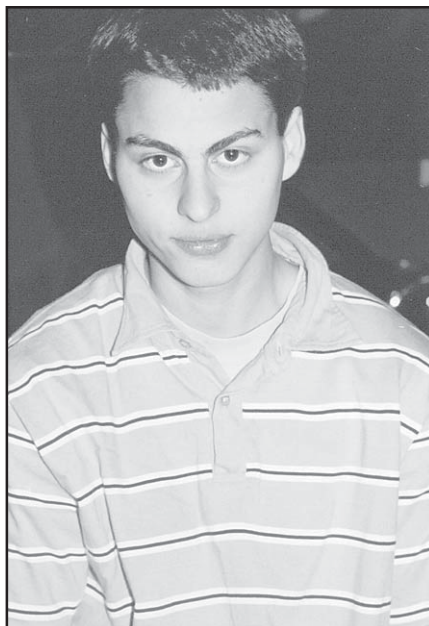
7.♖xc3 d5 8.b3 0-0 9.♙e2 ♖bd7!?

A rare choice that scores rather poorly in practice. More common is 9...dxc4 10.bxc4 ♖c6 11.a4 ♖a5 12.♙a3 ♙e8 13.♖b5 ♙b7 14.0-0 with a small edge to White.

10.a4! c5 11.♙a3

Or 11.0-0 with a small advantage.

11...♙e8?!



Hugues Masse

Looks sensible enough, but the rook is better on d8. I have to admit to some skepticism about 11...dxc4 12.bxc4 ♖c8! but cannot find anything wrong for Black in 13.0-0 (or 13.♙c1 ♙d8 14.0-0 cxd4 15.exd4 ♖c5) 13...♙d8 14.♖b3 (or 14.♖b5!? ♖e5!) 14...cxd4 15.exd4 e5.

12.0-0 ♖e4?

A little too ambitious. Black instead should try to equalize with 12...e5!? 13.dxc5 ♖xc5 14.♙xc5 bxc5 15.cxd5 ♙xe2 16.♖xe2 ♖xd5 17.♖e4.

13.♖xc4! dxe4 14.♖c2

Better still is 14.♙b2!

14...♙b7 15.♙ad1 ♖c7

Or the more active excursion to the kingside with 15...♖g5!?

16.f4! exf3 17.♙xf3 ♙xf3 18.♙xf3 e5?

Black just about has equality after 18...♙ad8 19.♙df1 f5!

19.d5

Here 19.♖f5! is quite strong.

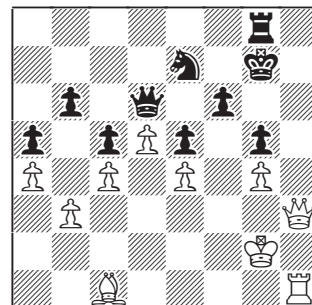
19...♖d6 20.♙df1 ♙f8 21.♖f2 ♖e7 22.e4 ♖f6 23.♖e2

Black's kingside defense probably cannot hold out once White's bishop joins the attack.

23...♖h8 24.♙c1 ♖g8 25.♙h3 h6 26.g4 f6 27.♙g3 a5?

It rarely makes sense to close the position on one wing when under attack on the other. The opponent can then operate without any distractions!

28.h4 g6 29.♖g2 ♖g7 30.♙gf3 ♙ad8 31.♖f2 g5 32.♖g3 ♖d6 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.♙h1 ♖e7 35.♖h2 ♙h8 36.♙h3 ♙xh3 37.♖xh3 ♙g8!



The only move to keep the game going.

38.♙xg5!?

There does not appear to be a slow way to win this position, and so the bishop sacrifice risks very little given that Black is too tied up to strike back effectively.

38...fxg5 39.♖h7+ ♖f8 40.♙f1+ ♖e8 41.♖f7+ ♖d8 42.♙f6 ♖d7 43.♖g3 ♙h8?

Igor's decision is immediately rewarded. Black does have a valid defensive try in 43...♖e8 (43...♙e8 44.♙e6 ♖f5+! 45.♖xf5 ♙xe6) 44.♙d6+ (or 44.♖e6 ♖c8 45.♖f5 ♖c7 46.♙e6 ♖d8 47.♖xe5+ ♖b7 48.d6; but not 44.♖xe8+?? ♙xe8 45.♙xb6 ♙f8) 44...♖c8 45.♖e6+ ♖c7 46.♙xb6.

44.♙xb6 ♖c8??

The only move is 44...♖c7 45.♖f6 ♙h4 46.♙e6 ♖c8 but still with an advantage to White.

45.♖f6+! ♖c7 46.♙c6+ ♖b7 47.♖xh8 ♖d6 48.♖xe5 ♖h7 49.♖xd6 ♖h4+ 50.♖g2 ♖xg4+ 51.♖f2 ♖h4+ 52.♖g3 1-0.

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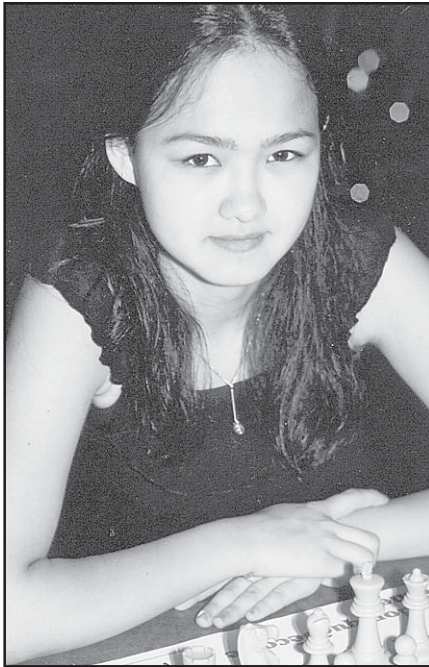
Wang, Haoyuan
Tang, Charlie

Shawinigan CA ch jr (6), 2003

Sicilian: Dragon B76

A win today gives Haoyuan a half point lead on the field with one round to go.

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6 5.♖c3 g6 6.♙e3 ♙g7 7.f3 ♖c6 8.♖d2 0-0 9.0-0-0!



Dinara Khaziyeva

After studying this position very deeply it is my opinion that this move causes Black the greatest amount of misery in the Sicilian Dragon.

9...xd4?!

Here 9...d5 offers better chances.

10. Qxd4 Qe6 11. Qb1 Qc7 12. h4 Bfc8 13. h5!?

This move surprised most of the spectators, who expected the highly successful 13.g4 to make an appearance. Wang's move, however, is also strong.

13...Qa5!

Black's best defense, since 13...Qxh5 14. Qxg7 Qxg7 (14...Qxg7 15. Qh6 Qh5 16.g4 is the same) 15.g4 Qf6 16. Qh6+ Qg8 17.e5! dxe5 18.g5 wins for White.

14.h6

Far less popular than 14.hxg6 but scores about the same.

14...Qh8

Maybe 14...Qf8 is playable.

15.a3!

White can hardly allow the standard exchange sacrifice 15.g4? Bxc3 16. Qxc3 Qxa2+ 17. Qc1 Qxg4! 18. Qc4 Qa1+ 19. Qd2 Qa4 with an unclear position.

15...Bab8

The alternative is 15...Qd7.

16. Qxf6 exf6!?

Charlie should accept the slightly inferior endgame after 16...Qxf6 17. Qd5 Qxd2 18. Qxf6+ exf6 19. Bxd2.

17. Qd5 Qd8 18.g4!

White must not allow 18...f5!

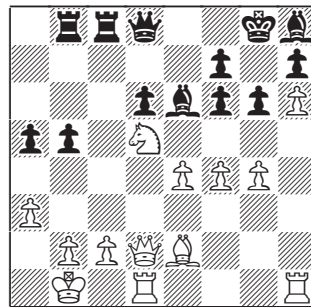
18...b5 19. Qe2

Interesting is 19.f4!? Qxg4? (better 19...b4!) 20. Qe2 with advantage to White.

19...a5?

Much better is the direct attempt 19...b4! 20.a4 (very unclear looks 20.axb4 Qxd5 21.exd5 a5!) 20...b3 21.c3 with a fair share of the play on Black's side.

20.f4



20...f5?

Doesn't work. Once again the correct approach is 20...b4! 21.a4! b3 22.c3 Qe8 23. Qb5 Qxb5 24.axb5 Qxg4 although after 25. Qd3! White is still on top.

21.gxf5 Qxd5 22. Qxd5 Qf6 23.e5!

Charlie must have missed this interposition in his calculations.

23...dxe5 24.fxe6 hxg6 25.fxe5 Qe7 26. Bhg1?

But here 26.h7+! Qf8 27. Bdf1 Bd8 28. Qf3 wins on the spot.

26...Qh7! 27. Bdf1 Bc7 28.e6!? Qxe6 29. Qxe6 fxe6 30. Qd3 Bg8 31. Bxg6 Bxg6 32. Bg1 Qxh6

White should win the ending in spite of the opposite colored bishops after 32...Bd7 33. Qxg6+ Qxh6 34. Qe8 Bb5 35. Bg6+ Qh7 36. Bxe6.

33. Bxg6+ Qh5 34. Bxe6

Black's king is too far away to aid in the defense.

34...b4 35.axb4 axb4 36. Bb6 b3 37. Bxb3 Qg5 38. Bb4 Qf6 39. Bb5 Qe6 40. Qa2 Qd6 41.c4 Qa7+ 42. Qb3 Qc7 43.c5 Qc6 44. Qc4 Qe5 45.b4 Qc7 46. Qe4+ Qd7

47. Qd5 Ba1 48. Qf5+ Qd8 49. Qc6 Bf1 50. Bb7 1-0.

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**Masse, Hugues
Divljan, Igor**

Shawinigan CA ch jr (6), 2003

Nimzo Indian: Rubinstein E42

Masse's only loss of the tournament had a major impact on the final standings.

1.d4 Qf6 2.c4 e6 3. Qc3 Qb4 4.e3 0-0 5. Qge2 c5 6.a3 cxd4 7.exd4 Qxc3+ 8. Qxc3 d5 9.cxd5?!

The alternatives 9. Qe3 and 9.c5 both score very well for White, but perhaps Hugues is tempted into this 'simple' continuation by his desire to safely maintain his half point lead on the field. Psychologically this is a mistake, and players needing a draw are usually better off seeking the maximum and, if necessary, offering a draw from a position of strength. In many cases an opponent who declines is more likely to overpress than the other way around. And, of course, perhaps the best approach of all is to play for a win no matter what!

9...Qxd5 10. Qc4 Qxc3!N

The only game in my database went 10...Qf6 but the text is logical as well and leaves White defending weaknesses on the c/file.

11.bxc3 Qc7 12. Qd3 Qd7 13. Qb3 b6 14.0-0

Perhaps 14. Qc2!?

14...Qb7 15. Qg5 Bxc8 16. Bxc1 Qd6 17. Qg3 Qxg3 18.hxg3 h6 19. Qe3 Qf6

An excellent way to fix White's queenside weaknesses is 19...b5!

20.c4!

Now the endgame looks equal. White's bishop pair, at least for now, does not exactly impress.

20...Qfd8 21.f3 Bd7?

White is marginally better after this waiting move, and so Black should prefer 21...e5!? 22.dxe5 (or 22.d5 Qd7) 22...Bd3 23. Bb1 Bxe3 24.exf6 with equality.

22. Bfd1 g5?!

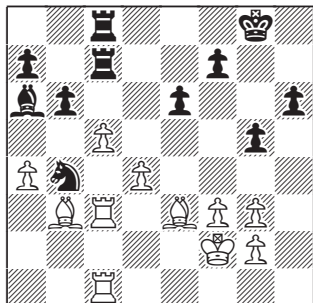
A bizarre reaction. Not only does this advance not improve Black's position, but it potentially exposes his king to

attack. Instead, Black contains White's advantage after 22...♖cd8 23.♙a4 ♖c7 24.♙f4 ♖cc8 25.c5 bxc5 26.dxc5 ♖xd1+ 27.♙xd1 ♙c6.

23.♙f2 ♖dc7 24.♖c2?

Here 24.g4! looks better.

24...♙d5! 25.♖dc1 ♙e7 26.a4 ♙c6 27.c5 ♙b4 28.♖c3 ♙a6



Stronger is 28...♙d5!

29.♙c4??

The only truly horrible move Masse played in this tournament, and one that cost him any chance of taking first place! Just equal is the simple 29.♖d1.

29...♙xc4 30.♖xc4 ♙d3+ 31.♙e2 ♙xc1+ 32.♖xc1 bxc5 33.dxc5 ♖b8 34.♙d3 ♖b3+ 35.♙e2 ♖b2+ 36.♙d3 ♖c6 37.♙c4 ♙f8 38.♙d4 ♖b7 39.♙e5 ♙e7 40.♖h1 ♙d7 41.♖xh6 ♙a6 42.♙d3 ♖xa4 43.♙e3 ♙c6 44.♙d6 ♖b3+ 45.♙f2 ♖a2+ 46.♙g1 ♖b1+ 0-1.

Notes by
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**Ramaswamy, Kishor
Predescu, Sebastian**

Shawinigan CA ch jr (6), 2003

King's Indian: Averbakh E73

Under serious pressure for the whole game, Sebastian finally breaks the bind with a courageous sacrifice. Considering 'Seb' finished half a point back from the winner, the outcome of this game was very important!

1.d4 ♙f6 2.c4 g6 3.♙c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.♙e2 0-0 6.♙g5 h6 7.♙e3 e5 8.d5 ♙bd7 9.♙d2 ♙c5 10.f3 ♙h5 11.♙d1 f5 12.♙c2 f4 13.♙f2 ♙f6 14.0-0-0 b6 15.♙b1!?N

Gaprindashvili once played 15.b4! in this position, but Kishor's move does not seem worse.

15...♙g7?!

Perhaps 15...a6!?

16.♙ge2

A reasonable move for sure, but 16.g4! fxg3 17.hxg3 ♙g5 18.♙e2 is better and gives White a clear advantage.

16...♙h4

Black's play is very logical. He trades his bad bishop for the opponent's good bishop, although here this idea still falls short of equality.

17.♙xh4 ♙xh4 18.b4

The pawn sacrifice 18.g3! fxg3 19.hxg3 ♙g5 20.f4! exf4 21.gxf4 ♙xf4 22.♖dg1 ♙g4 23.♙d4! h5 24.♙h2! is difficult to calculate in practice, but gives White a very strong position.

18...♙d7 19.♙c1

Again 19.g3! is strong.

19...♙e7 20.♙d3 g5?

And here 20...a6 is better. Black needs to generate some counterplay on the queenside as quickly as possible.

21.♙a4?!

Much stronger is 21.g4! ♙hf6 22.h4 with a sizeable advantage.

21...♙df6

Correct is 21...a5.

22.♙c6 ♖b8 23.♙b5 a6?

Again 23...a5! is the right idea.

24.♙a7! g4 25.♙xc8 ♖fxc8 26.♙a1

Black's knights look absolutely ridiculous.

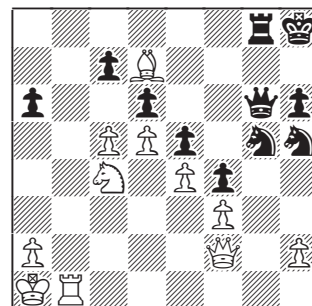
26...gxf3 27.gxf3 ♙h8 28.♙f2 ♙h7 29.c5 bxc5 30.bxc5 ♙f8? 31.♖hg1 ♙f7 32.♖g2

Too bad. Here 32.♙h4! wins immediately.

32...♙h7 33.♙b2 ♖g8 34.♖xg8+ ♖xg8 35.♙c4 ♙g6 36.♙d7?

Very good is 36.♖b1!

36...♙g5 37.♖b1??



But one move later it is a mistake! Instead 37.cxd6 cxd6 38.h4! keeps White's advantage.

37...♙xe4!

A terrific sacrifice that completely changes the game.

38.fxe4 ♙xe4 39.♙e6?!

It is possible to play for an advantage with 39.♙f1! ♙xd5 40.cxd6 ♙d4+! 41.♙b2 ♙xd6! 42.♖d1 ♙g6 43.♙c4! but short of time Kishor decides to force the draw.

39...♙xc4 40.♙xg8 ♙xg8 41.♙g2+ ♙f7 42.♖g1 ♙c3+ 43.♙b1 ♙b4+ 44.♙a1 ♙c3+ ½-½.

Notes by
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**McAlpin, John Francis
Livingston, Alex**

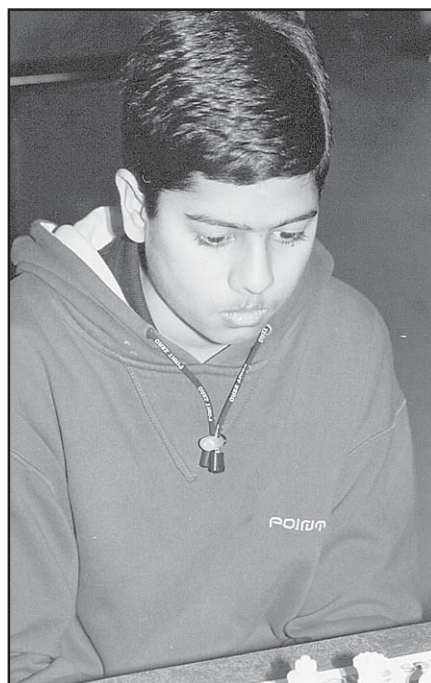
Shawinigan CA ch jr (6), 2003

Dutch: Stonewall A85

One of the tournament's great discoveries was Alex Livingston who, in spite of his 1550 rating, achieved a plus score with upsets like today's win over McAlpin.

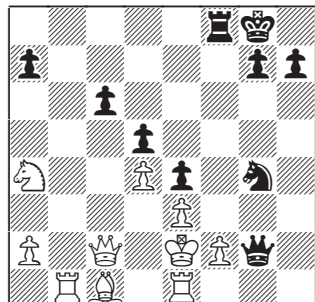
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♙c3 f5 4.♙f3 ♙f6 5.e3 ♙e7 6.♙d3?!

The bishop is better on e2 in this line, and White also might consider a quick ♙e5 and f4 against the opponent's setup.



Kishor Ramaswamy

6...0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.♖b1 ♘e4 9.♗c2
 ♘d7 10.b4 ♗e8 11.cxd5 exd5
 12.b5 ♘df6 13.♘e5 ♘d6 14.bxc6
 bxc6 15.♘a4 ♘d7 16.♘xd7
 ♘xh2+ 17.♗xh2 ♘g4+ 18.♗g1
 ♗h5 19.♖e1 ♗h2+ 20.♗f1 ♗h1+
 21.♗e2 ♗xg2 22.♘xe4 fxe4
 23.♘xf8 ♖xf8



24.♖f1??

After the correct defense 24.♗d1!
 Black does not have enough.

24...♘xf2 25.♗d2??

Now White is mated. Mind you, after
 25.♖e1 ♘d3+ 26.♗d1 ♗xc2+
 27.♗xc2 ♘xe1+ 28.♗c3 ♖f2 Black
 wins the ending.

25...♘d1+! 0-1.

Notes by
David Ross

Divljan, Igor
 Wang, Haoyuan

Shawinigan CA ch jr (7), 2003

Nimzo Indian: Rubinstein E42

In the showdown for the title Divljan
 needs the win, and Wang a draw.

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘b4 4.e3
 c5 5.♘ge2 cxd4 6.exd4 0-0 7.a3
 ♘e7 8.♘f4

I am not sure why Igor avoids 8.d5
 which is perfect for a must win game.

8...d6

Usually 8...d5 eventually equalizes the
 position for Black.

9.♘e2

The most common move, although
 9.♘e3 scores better.

9...e5 10.♘fd5?!

A better way to play for an edge is
 10.dxe5! dxe5 11.♗xd8 ♘xd8
 12.♘fd5 ♘c6 13.♘e3.

10...♘xd5 11.♘xd5 ♘c6 12.♘e3
 ♘g5! 13.0-0 ♘xe3 14.fxe3 exd4
 15.exd4 ♘e6 16.♘b4 ♗b6

17.♘xc6 bxc6 18.♖b1 ♗a5?!

Black has equalized, but here he
 should play 18...a5!

19.♗h1?!

Here 19.♗c1! with ideas of b4 and
 ♗f4 give White a mild initiative.

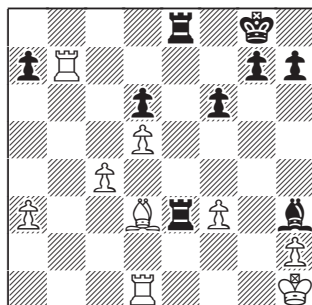
19...♖ab8 20.♗d3 ♗g5 21.b4 ♖fe8
 22.♗f3 ♖bc8?!

Why not just 22...d5!

23.♘d3! f6 24.b5?

White keeps an edge after 24.♖be1!

24...cxb5 25.♖xb5 ♗g4 26.d5 ♗xf3
 27.gxf3 ♘h3 28.♖d1 ♖e3 29.♖b7
 ♖ce8



30.♖g1 g6

The position is most likely drawn,
 since White has nothing better than...

31.♘xg6 hxg6 32.♖xg6+ ♗f8
 33.♖xf6+ ♗g8 34.♖g6+ ♗f8

Congratulations to Haoyuan Wang,
 our 2003 Canadian Junior Champion
 who was the only undefeated player
 in the tournament!

½-½.

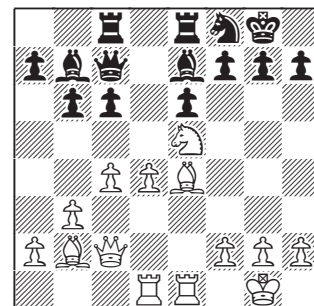
Notes by
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Khaziyeva, Dinara
 Charbonneau, Anne Marie
Shawinigan CA ch jr playoff
(2), 2003

Various D05

The deciding playoff game for the
 Canadian Girls Championship saw
 Dinara quickly build up a winning
 position, but later in the game
 mishandle her time management.

1.b3 ♘f6 2.♘b2 e6 3.e3 d5 4.d4
 ♘e7 5.♘f3 c6 6.♘d3 ♘bd7 7.c4
 b6 8.0-0 ♘a6 9.♘bd2 0-0 10.♗c2
 ♖e8 11.e4 dxe4 12.♘xe4 ♘f8
 13.♖fe1 ♖c8 14.♖ad1 ♗c7 15.♘e5
 ♘xe4 16.♘xe4 ♘b7



17.♖e3

With 17.c5! White puts a very
 unpleasant bind on her opponent.

17...♘f6 18.♖h3? g6? 19.♗d2

Better is 19.♖f3!

19...♖cd8 20.♘g4 ♘g7 21.♘h6+
 ♗h8 22.d5? cxd5? 23.♘xg7+

Dinara has tried in vain to find the
 knockout punch by way of a direct
 attack on Anne Marie's king, and in
 the process squandered much of her
 advantage. Better now is 23.♖d3.

23...♗xg7 24.♗b2+??

A big mistake. Correct is 24.cxd5.

24...f6 25.♘g4 ♗e7

Black wins material after 25...♗f4.

26.♖f3??

Dinara's play in the last few moves
 suggests that she simply ran out of
 time. The only way is 26.cxd5 exd5
 27.♘d3 d4 when Black is on top.

26...dxe4 0-1.



Nikita Kraioutchkine

2002

World Youth Chess Championships

Heraklio Crete

by IM David Ross

Last November twenty young Canadians made the long journey to the Greek island of Crete for the annual World Youth Chess Championships. All of them had qualified earlier in the year at our national event, and were accompanied by coach FM Richard Berube of Montreal and a group of hopeful parents.

Competition at the World Youth Chess Championships is fierce, and the event has in recent years become a showcase for the young talent that is to become tomorrow's challengers at the very top levels of the game! Groups are divided by age, with our representatives finishing as follows:

B10 Shiyam Thavandiran 8/11, Kevin Me 6/11, Harris Kauffman 5/11; **G10** Alina Sviridovitch 8/11, Amanda Wang 4/11; **B12** Raja Panjwani 6/11, Justin Macdonald 4.5/11; **G12** Tiffany Tang 5/11, Gabreille Nadeau 3/11; **B14** Mark Bluvshtein 7.5/11, Bobby Meng 5.5/11; **G14** Anastasia Kazakevich 4.5/11; **B16** Igor Dviljan 6/11, Dmitri Keoktistov 5/11, Gary Ng 5/11; **G16** Dinara Khaziyeva 7/11; **B18** Eric Lawson 5.5/11, Warrick Rolfe 4.5/11, Julien Bachant Fleurant 4/11; **G18** Anne Marie Charbonneau 5/11.

Congratulations to everyone who competed, and a thank you to the parents for supporting our players in a tough competition. Special recognition goes to Alina Sviridovitch (5th), Mark Bluvshtein (8th), Shiyam Thavandiran (8th), and Dinara Khaziyeva (13th) for their excellent performances against very tough opposition. But now on to some games!

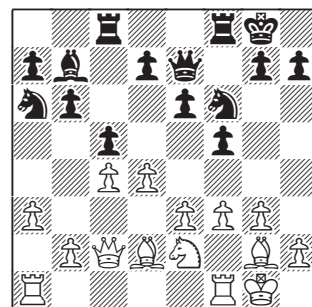
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Charbonneau, Anne Marie
Khukhashvili, Sopiko

Heraklio WYCC G18 (1),
2002

Nimzo Indian: Classical E32

1.d4! 2.f6 2.c4 e6 3.2c3 2b4
4.2c2 0-0 5.a3 2xc3+ 6.2xc3
2e4 7.2c2 f5 8.g3 b6 9.2g2 2b7
10.f3 2f6 11.e3 c5 12.2e2 2a6
13.2d2 2e7 14.0-0 2ac8



15.dxc5 2xc5 16.2ac1 d5 17.2d4
2e7 18.2a4 2d7 19.cxd5 2dc5
20.2d1 2xd5 21.2b4 2d7
22.2xc5 2xc5 23.b4 2a4 24.2d2
2c4 25.2fd1 2fd8 26.f4 b5 27.h3
2b6 28.2e1 2d5 29.2xd5 exd5
30.2d3 2c4 31.2dc3 2e8 32.2f2
2e7 33.21c2 2ce8 34.2e2 a6
35.2c1 2e4 36.2c2 2f7 37.2c1
2h5 38.2f1 h6 39.2d3 2f7 40.h4
2e7 41.2h3 2d6 42.2c2 2c7
43.2e1 2xc2 44.2xc2 2c7
45.2d1 2c4 46.2d4 2b3 47.2c1
2c8 48.2g2 2e4 49.2xe4 dxe4
50.2d2 2xa3+ 51.2b1 2d3
52.2c1 2b3+ 53.2a1 0-1.

Notes by
David Ross

Me, Kevin
Szabo, Leon

Heraklio WYCC B10 (2), 2002

French: Winawer C16

Saskatchewan's Kevin Me meets a very tough opponent in round two, and passes the test with flying colors.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.2c3 2b4 4.e5
2d7

The positional Winawer is far less common than the immediate central counter 4...c5.

5.2d2 b6 6.f4?!

While by no means a disaster, Black now gets exactly what he wants in the coming middlegame. After the

exchange of light squared bishops along the f1/a6 diagonal, White is left with a very poor dark squared bishop that is hindered by too many pawns on the wrong color. NCO gives 6...a6 7...a4 a5 8.a3 axc3 (or the retreat 8...f8!?) 9...xc3 a6 10...d2 e7 11.c3 f5 12.e2 and also 6.f3 a6 7...xa6 8.e2 f8 9.f4 with a small edge to White in both cases.

6...a6 7...xa6 8.e2 f8 9.a3 axc3 10...xc3 e7 11.f3 c5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.0-0-0?

Wrong side!

13...a4! 14.g3 bxc6 15.b1 b8 16.a2 b4+?!

So far Leon has played flawlessly, but here 16...d4! 17.b3 d5! 18.b2 a5 19.d2 e3 is very strong.

17...xb4 cxb4 18.b3! d6?

Much better is 18...bxa3 19...xa3 c4+ 20.b1 0-0! when 21...xe7 c3 forces White to resign.

19.b3 a6 20.b3

White can try 20.a4!?

20...a5 21.d4 b3+?

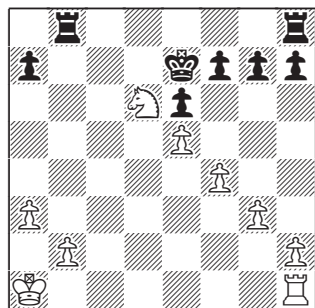
The simple 21...xd4 22...xd4 bxa3 23.bxa3 0-0 is good enough.

22...xb3 d6 23.a1 xd3

24...xa5 f2 25.c4! xh1

26...xh1 dxc4 27...xc4 e7

28.d6



Black really doesn't have much here. White's knight is strong, and he has a pawn for the exchange in any case.

28...h8 29.c1 f6 30.c7+?

Here 30.b4 looks better.

30...d7 31.c4 f8 32.a4 h6 33.a2 h5 34.a3 fxe5 35.fxe5 f3+ 36.b3 e3 37.c5 e2 38.a5 e1 39.b4 g5 40.a4 h4 41.g4 e2 42.h3 e3 43.b5 xd6

The intruder must go.

44.exd6+ xd6 45.xg5 xh3 46.h5 h1 47.g5 h3 48.g6 h2 49.g7 g1 50.xh2 xg7 51.b6

c6 52.e2 e7

Why not 52...g4+.

53.bxa7 xa7??

An incredible blunder! Black draws easily with 53...b7.

54.xe6+ d7 55.h6 c7

56.b5??

Kevin returns the favor. White wins handily after 56.a6! c8 57.b5 c7 58.c6+ b8 (the resulting queen vs rook ending after 58...d7 59.a7 xc6 60.a8 is surprisingly difficult to convert in a practical game against accurate defense) 59.a7+!

56...c8 57.a6

Instead 57.b6! still offered some practical chances. The remainder is a triumph of cool defense!

57...b8 58.b6 c8 59.h7 g8

60.c7 h8 61.c5 g8 62.b5

a8 63.a5 h8 1/2-1/2.

Notes by

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Tang, Tiffany

Chierici, Marianna

Heraklio WYCC G12 (2), 2002

Ruy Lopez: Cozio C60

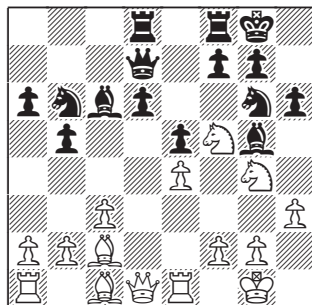
1.e4 e5 2.f3 c6 3.b5 d6

Some years ago a very young player at one of the schools I visited rolled off a dozen moves of obscure theory in this line. Two years later he was national champion!

4.0-0 a6 5.a4 b5 6.b3 d6 7.h3 b7 8.c3 d7 9.d4 d8 10.e1 h6 11.b2 d6 12.f1 e7 13.dg3 0-0 14.f5

Tiffany has outplayed her opponent and now enjoys a pleasant game.

14...f6 15.d5 ce7 16.dg3 d6 17.c2 b6 18.h2! c6 19.dxc6 xc6 20.dg4 h4 21.f5 g5



22.fxh6+! gxh6 23.xg5 c7 24.xd8

Good enough to win, but 24.xh6+ h7 25.h5 ends the game.

24...xd8 25.xh6+ g7 26.f5+ g8 27.xd6 d7 28.ad1 e8 29.b3 f8 30.h4 c8 31.xb6 xf5 32.exf5 xf5 33.e3 xh4 34.xe5 h7 35.f6 c8 36.d7 f8 37.d8 h5 38.xf8+ xf8 39.e5 h7 40.d8+ g7 41.g5+ dg6 42.d5 g8 43.c2 e8 44.d4+ h6 45.g3 c8 46.xg6 fxg6 47.f6 e8 48.h3# 1-0.

Notes by

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Panjwani, Raja

Nepomniachtchi, Ian

Heraklio WYCC B12 (3), 2002

Larsen A01

Raja seemed disappointed by today's result, but in my opinion he did not underperform.

1.b3

Larsen's pawn move has become somewhat popular of late, but in my opinion is only suitable for Master strength players with a preference for the often similar structures that arise from the Nimzo Indian.

1...e5!

Among Black's many alternatives this is probably his best.

2.b2 c6 3.e3 g6

The critical line is 3...d5 4.b5 d6 5.f4.

4.b5 d6 5.f4 g7 6.f3 d6 7.fxe5 0-0 8.0-0 dxe5 9.c4?!

Strange.

9...h6 10.e4 a6 11.a4 b8?!

Another pointless move. The pawn structure dictates Black must play ...f5 so 11...h8 must be right. Else Black can also try 11...d4!?

12.c3

Gaining space on the queenside with 12.a5 looks interesting.

12...a5 13.d5?

Here 13.e2 or 13.e1! should be played.

13...xc4?

Much better is 13...xd5 14.exd5 e4!

14.bxc4 c6 15.e3 c7?

The position remains roughly level after 15...f5. Black's refusal to play this thematic pawn break eventually cramps his position and hands the initiative to his opponent.

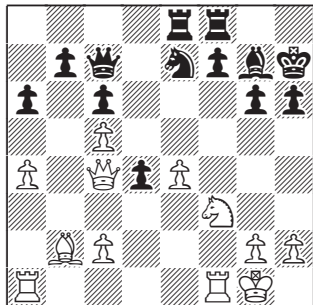
16.c5! ♖e6 17.♗e2 ♜be8 18.♜c4 ♜xc4?

Better is 18...f6.

19.♗xc4 ♗h7 20.d4?!

White can begin probing Black's queenside along the b-file with moves like 20...♜c3!? or 20...♞ab1?!

20...exd4



21.♜xd4??

The alternative capture 21...♜xd4 is still clearly better for White. Ian's response perhaps isn't so easy to spot – backward moves rarely are – but leaves Black with the much better game.

21...♜g8! 22.♞ae1 ♖e5 23.h3

Raja likely feared sacrificial ideas on g3 after 23.g3.

23...♜f6 24.♗h1 ♜h5 25.♞f3 ♜g3+ 26.♗g1 ♜xe4 27.♞fe3

Raja has one last chance to find 27.♜e6! ♞xe6 28.♞xe4 ♗g8 29.♜xe5 ♞xe5 30.♞xe5 ♗xe5 with an ending that offers drawing chances.

27...♜h2+ 0-1.

Notes by
David Ross

Khaziyeva, Dinara
Morales, Luciana
Heraklio WYCC G16 (5),
2002

Larsen A01

This game is probably Dinara's best effort. The opening doesn't yield much, but then her superior positional sense gradually tilts the balance in her favor.

1.b3 e5! 2.♜b2 ♜d6?!N

A bizarre move that probably deserves an even harsher assessment. Luciana probably intended to play the line 2...♜c6 3.e3 ♜f6 4.♜b5 ♜d6!?

3.e3

Quite entertaining, if completely unclear, looks 3.f4!? (or 3.c4!?) 3...exf4 4.♜xg7 ♗h4+ 5.g3 fxg3 6.♜g2.

3...♜f6 4.♜f3 ♗e7 5.d4 e4 6.♜fd2 0-0 7.c4?!

With 7.♜c4! White keeps a small advantage.

7...c6 8.♖e2 b6 9.♜c3 ♜a6 10.a4?!

Better is 10.♗c2 ♜b4 11.a3 ♜xc3 12.♜xc3 with an edge, since instead 10...♞e8 11.g4! is very good for White.

10...♜b4 11.♞c1

Perhaps 11.♜a2?!

11...d5!

Now Black, whose pieces occupy attractive squares, must be better.

12.cxd5 ♜xe2 13.♜xe2 cxd5 14.0-0 ♜a6

More sense makes 14...♜bd7! with better chances.

15.♜b1!

The knight has no future on d2, so Dinara redirects it to c3 with pressure on Black's ♜/d5.

15...♜d6

Why not the simple development 15...♞ac8.

16.♜g3 g6 17.♜c3 ♜d7 18.f4! f5 19.♗e2 ♜c7 20.♜b4!

Nicely done! White is back to equality.

20...♜f6?

Luciana overestimates her position, and should prefer equality after 20...♜xb4 21.♞xc7 ♗d6 22.♞c2 ♞fc8 23.♞fc1 ♞xc2 24.♗xc2 (or 24.♞xc2) 24...♜f6 25.♗c6 ♗xc6 26.♞xc6 ♜g4 27.♜f1.

21.♜xd6 ♗xd6 22.♞c3 ♜e6 23.♞fc1 ♗d7 24.♗c2

Even stronger looks 24.♗a6!?

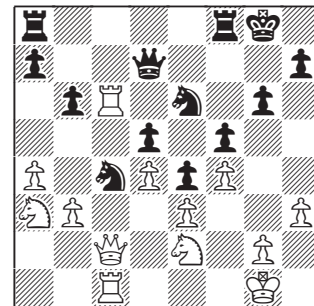
24...♞f7 25.h3 ♜e8!

Black has done well in containing White's attempts to breach the queenside along the open file.

26.♜e2 ♜d6?!

Better is 26...b5!

27.♜a3 ♞ff8 28.♞c6 ♜c4??



Here this standard tactical riposte to cut off the advancing rook has a tragic flaw. Instead Black has 28...♞ac8! 29.b4 (Black also holds after 29.♜b5 ♞fd8!) 29...♜c4 with equality.

29.♞xe6! ♗xe6?

Better, but still rather bleak for the second player is 29...♜xa3 30.♗c6 ♞ad8 31.♗f2! The remainder is a slaughter.

30.bxc4 ♞ac8 31.c5 h6 32.♜b5 ♗d7 33.♜d6 ♞c7 34.♜b5 ♞cc8 35.♜d6 ♞c7 36.♗b3 ♗g7 37.♜b5 ♞cc8 38.♜d6 ♞c7 39.♗xd5 ♗xa4 40.♗e5+ ♗h7 41.♜xe4 ♞cf7 42.♜d6 ♞g7 43.c6 ♗a2 44.♗f1 1-0.

Notes by
David Ross

Shitsuka, Rabith
Charbonneau, Anne Marie
Heraklio WYCC G18 (6),
2002

Queen's Gambit: Exchange D36

Anne Marie started the event very well, but suffered after the rest day. This game is one of her best efforts, and results in a deserved win after some fine positional play.

1.d4 ♜f6 2.c4 e6 3.♜c3 d5 4.cxd5

White heads straight for the minority attack.

4...exd5 5.♜g5 ♖e7 6.♗c2 c6 7.e3 0-0 8.♜d3 ♜bd7 9.♜f3 ♞e8 10.0-0 ♜f8 11.♜xf6!?

White speeds up her minority attack by giving up the bishop in this fashion. See also my discussion in the last GM Factory (*En Passant* #178).

11...♜xf6 12.b4 ♜g4! 13.♜d2 ♖e7!

Anne Marie's preparation for this game was excellent. The bishop has no future on f6 and immediately heads for a more active diagonal.

14.b5?

This hasty advance scores a miserable 38% for White in my database. The alternative 14.♖ab1 does better.

14...c5! 15.dxc5 ♖xc5 16.♖b3 ♖b6

Black is active enough here to compensate for the isolated queen pawn. White's next is a big mistake that hands Black the initiative.

17.♖a4?

Much better is 17.♖f5! ♖h5 with equality.

17...♖c8 18.♖b2

Better is 18.♖d2.

18...♖c7 19.♖ac1 ♖h4 20.g3 ♖h5 21.♖fe1 ♖e6! 22.♖e2 f5?

The light squares around White's king look very vulnerable after 22...♖g5!

23.♖ac5?

Black is only slightly better after 23.♖d2! ♖cd8.

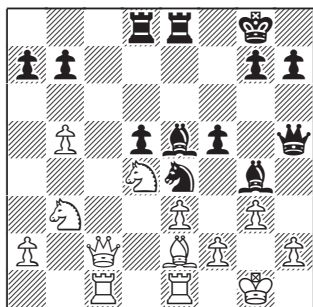
23...♖g5! 24.♖d4 ♖e5 25.♖cb3 ♖cd8?

Black wins on the spot with the tactical 25...♖h3+ 26.♖g2 ♖xf2.

26.♖d2?

Necessary is 26.f4!

26...♖e4 27.♖c2



27...♖xf2! 28.♖xg4 ♖xg4 29.♖d2 ♖g5 30.♖f3 ♖e7 31.♖c2 ♖d7 32.♖fd4?? ♖xe3! 33.♖d3 f4 34.♖xe3 ♖xd4 35.♖xd4 fxe3 0-1.

Notes by
David Ross

McDonald, Jonathan
Shurygin, Boris

Heraklio WYCC B12 (9), 2002

Pirc B08

Faced with one of the many Russian participants, Justin comes up with a big effort.

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♖g7 3.♖f3 d6 4.♖c4

♖f6 5.♖c3?!

Correct is 5.♖e2.

5...c6

Neither player is familiar with the proper move order in this variation. Here Black has easy equality with 5...♖xe4.

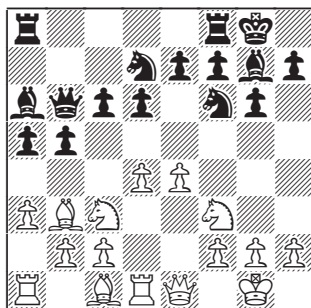
6.♖e2 0-0 7.0-0 ♖bd7 8.♖d1

Thematic is the restraining 8.a4!

8...b5 9.♖b3 a5 10.a3?!

More forceful is 10.e5! a4 11.♖xf7+ ♖xf7 12.♖g5 with advantage to White, but of course 10...a4 isn't mandatory.

10...♖a6 11.♖e1 ♖b6?



12.e5!

Just like that White is completely winning.

12...♖d5 13.♖xd5 cxd5 14.♖xd5 ♖b7 15.♖xb7 ♖xb7 16.e6! ♖b6 17.♖xf7+ ♖xf7 18.♖g5 ♖ff8 19.♖e6+ ♖h8 20.♖f7+ ♖xf7 21.♖xf7 ♖f8 22.♖b3 ♖e4 23.♖e3 ♖d5 24.♖d3 ♖g4 25.h3 ♖d7 26.c3 a4 27.♖e1 e6 28.c4 ♖xe3 29.♖xe3 ♖f7 30.♖f3 ♖f6 31.♖xb5 ♖b8 32.♖c4 ♖g7 33.♖d1 ♖e7 34.♖xa4 ♖g7 35.♖c4 ♖d7 36.a4 ♖f7 37.d5 ♖e7 38.dxe6 ♖xe6 39.♖c7+ ♖d7 40.♖e1+ ♖e5 41.♖xe5+ 1-0.

Notes by

David Ross

Bluvshtein, Mark
Leon Hoyos, Manuel

Heraklio WYCC B14 (9), 2002

Sicilian: Dragon B72

IM Mark Bluvshtein is the undisputed star of the current crop of Canadian juniors. Ranked first among the B14 group of competitors he couldn't have been too thrilled with his 8th place finish, which was probably at least in part due to the fatigue Mark

must have felt after playing so many games at the Olympiad just prior to the start of the World Youth Chess Championships. In particular an unfortunate loss in round seven prevented a higher placing.

Most observers are impressed by Mark's combinational vision and attacking play, but a closer analysis of his games suggests that his main strength lies in strong endgame technique! Evidence for this claim may be found in his win over fellow Canadian IM Pascal Charbonneau from last year's Montreal International, and the following game.

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 g6 3.d4 ♖g7 4.♖c3 cxd4 5.♖xd4 ♖c6 6.♖e3 ♖f6 7.♖c4

Positional systems like these against the Dragon often make life somewhat difficult for Black, although White has to take care not to allow ...d5 at the wrong moment, since this break usually equalizes the position handily.

7...0-0 8.h3?! d6?

The typical trick 8...♖xe4! 9.♖xe4 (or 9.♖xc6 bxc6 10.♖xe4 d5 11.♖d4 dxe4 12.♖xg7 ♖xg7) 9...d5 10.♖xc6 bxc6 11.♖d3 dxe4 12.♖xe4 ♖xb2 13.♖xd8 ♖xd8 14.♖b1 ♖c3+ 15.♖e2 ♖e6 leaves Black with slightly better chances.

9.0-0 ♖d7 10.♖b3 ♖a5 11.f4 ♖xb3 12.♖xb3 ♖b8 13.♖d3 a6 14.♖a5 ♖c7 15.b4

Black should be fine here, but I would rather play White.

15...♖c6?!

Better is 15...♖ad8!

16.♖c4 ♖ac8 17.e5

The attempt 17.♖xc6 ♖xc6 18.♖xc6 ♖xc6 19.b5 ♖c4 leads to equality.

17...♖e4 18.♖d5 ♖xd5 19.♖xd5 dxe5

Possible as well is 19...♖g3!? 20.♖e1 dxe5 21.fxe5 ♖cd8 22.♖b3 ♖xe5 when 23.♖e6! holds the balance.

20.fxe5 b6? 21.♖xa6 ♖xe5 22.♖xe5 ♖xe5 23.c3 ♖xd4 24.♖xd4 b5

White clearly has very little here.

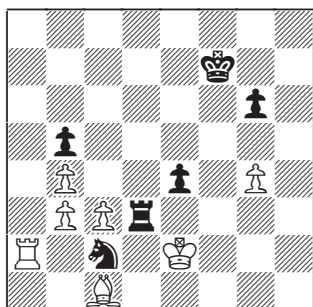
25.♖e1 f5 26.♖e6 ♖f7 27.♖e5 ♖b8 28.♖f1 ♖d2 29.♖f2 ♖b3?!

Black is perfectly fine after 29...♖c4 30.♖e1 ♖d6.

30.♖e3 ♖fd8 31.♖g5 ♖b7 32.♖fe2

Suddenly Black has some problems to solve, which in no small part is due to the ridiculously ineffective ♖b3.

32... ♖dd7 33. ♖f2 ♖f8 34.g4! fxe4 35.hxg4 ♖f7 36. ♖e6 ♖a7 37. ♖6e5 ♖ab7 38. ♖e1 ♖f8 39. ♖h6+ ♖e8 40. ♖f2 ♖d6 41. ♖f8+ ♖d7 42. ♖f7 ♖e6 43. ♖xe6 ♖xe6 44. ♖xh7 ♖a7 45. ♖d1 ♖d7+ 46. ♖e2 ♖d5 47. ♖f4 ♖f6 48. ♖h8 e5 49. ♖e3 ♖a1 50. ♖a8 ♖c2 51. ♖a6+ ♖f7 52. ♖c1 e4 53.b3? ♖d3! 54. ♖a2



54... ♖xc3??

Missing the incredible drawing resource 54... ♖g3!! 55. ♖xc2 (or 55. ♖d1 ♖g2 56. ♖a7+ ♖e6) 55... ♖g2+ 56. ♖d1 ♖g1+. The rest is easy.

55. ♖d2 ♖xb3 56. ♖xc2 ♖xb4 57. ♖e3 ♖e6 58. ♖b2 g5 59. ♖d4 ♖b3+ 60. ♖c3 ♖b1 61. ♖xe4 b4 62. ♖c6+ ♖d7 63. ♖b6 b3 64. ♖e5 1-0.

Notes by
David Ross

Liu, Xuewei
Sviridovitch, Alina
Heraklio WYCC G10 (10),
2002

Sicilian: Paulsen B41

1.e4 c5 2. ♖f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 a6 5.c4 ♖f6 6. ♖c3 ♖c7 7. ♖d3 ♖e7 8.0-0 ♖c6 9. ♖de2?! Too slow. Much better looks 9. ♖xc6 dxc6 10. ♖e2.

9...0-0 10.a3 b6 11. ♖f4 d6 12. ♖c1 ♖e5! 13.b4 ♖b7 14. ♖g3 ♖ac8 15. ♖xe5?

This exchange is rarely a good idea. Black's remaining dark squared bishop combined with the weakness of d4 is too high a price to pay for shaking off the pressure against White's ♖c4. Better is 15. ♖e2! with equality.

15...dxe5 16. ♖e2 ♖fd8 17. ♖fd1?

More attractive looks 17.c5!?

17... ♖d4! 18. ♖e3 ♖cd8?

Black might prefer the safe 18... ♖d8.

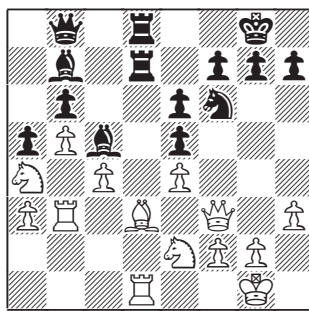
19. ♖ge2

The consequences of 19. ♖d5!? exd5 20.cxd5 ♖d7 21. ♖f5 ♖xd5! (but not 21... ♖xd5? 22. ♖g3!) 22.exd5 ♖xd5 23. ♖g5 g6 24. ♖xe7+ ♖xe7 are difficult to see in their entirety, and while objectively speaking the idea doesn't quite work, I suspect that 19. ♖d5!? would have come as a shock to Black!

19... ♖d7 20.h3 a5! 21. ♖b1 ♖a6 22.b5?

A horrible reaction that gives too many squares to Black's eager pieces. Much better is 22. ♖b5.

22... ♖c5 23. ♖f3 ♖b7 24. ♖b3 ♖b8 25. ♖a4?



25... ♖xe4! 26. ♖xe4 ♖xd1+ 27. ♖h2 ♖xe4 28. ♖xe4 f5 29. ♖c6 e4+ 30. ♖g3 ♖8d6 31. ♖xc5 ♖xc6 32.bxc6 bxc5 33.f4 exf3 34.gxf3 ♖d2 35.h4 ♖xe2+ 36. ♖h3 ♖b1 0-1.

Notes by
Ross & Thavandiran

Szabo, Leon
Thavandiran, Shiyam
Heraklio WYCC B10 (11),
2002

French: Advance C02

Szabo sports a 2025 FIDE rating, but in this game runs into a very well prepared opponent. In spite of his high ranking, Leon managed only 0.5/2 against Canadians!

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♖c6 5. ♖e3

A line popularized by Kupreichik.

5... ♖b6 6. ♖d2 f6!?

The simple 6...cxd4 7.cxd4 ♖b4 8. ♖c3 ♖d7 ♖c8 offers easy equality.

7.f4

Although the text is White's most common treatment, the alternative 7. ♖f3 deserves a serious look.

7...cxd4 8.cxd4 g5!

The point of Black's idea is revealed with this direct attempt to break up White's center.

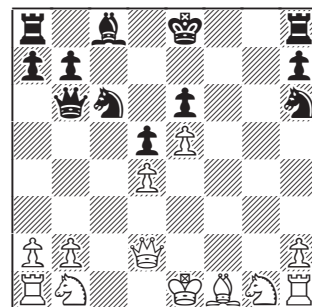
9.g3?

A poor move, but not yet the reason White loses this game. Black has nice compensation after 9.exf6 ♖xf6 10.fxg5 ♖e4 while 9.fxg5 fxe5 10.dxe5 d4 11. ♖f4 ♖b4 wins material for the second player. Best is 9. ♖f3 g4 10. ♖h4 (or 10. ♖g1) 10... ♖e7 with a good game for Black.

9...gxf4 10.gxf4 fxe5 11.fxe5 ♖h6! 12. ♖xh6

A better defensive try is 12. ♖f3 ♖xe3 13. ♖xe3 although after 13... ♖ge7! (winning the b/♖ instead of the d/♖ with 13... ♖xb2 14. ♖c3 offers White much better drawing chances) 14. ♖c3 (Black should also win after 14. ♖h3 ♖xb2 15. ♖c3 ♖xc3+ 16. ♖xc3 ♖f8 17. ♖f1 ♖g6 18. ♖e2) 14... ♖f5 15. ♖f2 ♖fxd4 16. ♖xd4 ♖xd4 17. ♖xd4 ♖xd4 18.0-0-0 Black is up a clear pawn.

12... ♖xh6



13. ♖xh6?

The losing move. Black retains the extra pawn after 13. ♖e2!? ♖f5! (but not 13... ♖xd4? 14. ♖xh6 ♖xb2 15. ♖h5+ ♖d8 16. ♖f6+ ♖c7 17. ♖xh8 ♖xa1 18. ♖xh7+) 14. ♖h5+ ♖d8 15. ♖e2 ♖fxd4 16. ♖bc3 ♖xe2 17. ♖xe2 ♖c7 but that is better than giving up his ♖a1.

13... ♖xb2 14. ♖h5+ ♖d8 15. ♖g5+ ♖c7 16. ♖f3 ♖xa1 17. ♖d3 ♖d7 18. ♖c1 ♖af8 19. ♖f1 ♖b8 20. ♖c5 ♖f7 21.a3 ♖hf8 22. ♖e2 ♖xf3 23. ♖xf3 ♖xd4+ 24. ♖e1 ♖xf3+ 25. ♖f2 ♖d4+ 0-1.

Hastings Challengers

by FM Eric Lawson

The 78th Hastings International was held from December 28th to January 5th, 2003 at the Hornsby Sport Center in Hastings, some sixty miles north of London. Thomas Roussel Roozmon, also from Laval, Quebec and I were the only Canadians in the field, both with ambitions to achieve our first serious FIDE title norms, or at least gain some valuable international experience. The event was run very smoothly by Con Power, Pam Thomas and Stewart Reubens, with new pairings always available on the evening before the next round.

My trip was made possible with sponsorship help from Larry Bevand of Echecs Math, which I am very grateful for! Our arrival at Heathrow was followed by a four hour trip to Hastings by train, and then a scramble to change our accommodations to something closer to the playing site than the 45 minute walk from our original hotel.

During the tournament I beat my first Grandmaster, GM Peter Wells, which was followed by a hard fought draw in round eight against Colin Crouch. In the end my 5/9 performance against opposition with an average FIDE rating of 2400 was good enough for that coveted IM norm!



Peter Wells - Eric Lawson

Notes by
Eric Lawson

Dvroska
Lawson, Eric

*Hastings Challengers (2),
2003*

Sicilian: Sveshnikov B33

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 ♟c6 3.d4 cxd4
4.♟xd4 ♟f6 5.♟c3 e5 6.♟db5 d6
7.♟g5 a6 8.♟a3 b5 9.♟xf6 gxf6
10.♟d5 f5 11.exf5 ♟xf5 12.c3
♟g7 13.♟c2 ♟e6 14.g3 0-0
15.♟g2 a5 16.0-0 f5 17.a4 ♟b8

The rook leaves the influence of White's light squared bishop along the diagonal and moves to a natural square.

18.♟a3

Taking the pawn with 18.axb5 does not seem optimal given that after 18...♟xb5 Black's rook is quite active on the b-file and along the fifth rank.

18...b4

Played with the usual idea in these systems of increasing the potential scope of my dark squared bishop and controlling b4.

19.♟b5 bxc3 20.bxc3

Black has an active position after 20.♟dxc3 e4. Interesting, however, is 20.♟dc7 cxb2 and now

A) 21.♟b1!? ♟d7 22.♟b3+ (here 22.♟xd6 ♟d4 is better for Black; while 22.♟xc6!? ♟xc6 23.♟e6 ♟f6 24.♟xf8 ♟xf8 25.♟xb2 d5 looks unclear) 22...d5! 23.♟xd5+ (definitely not 23.♟xd5 ♟e6 and Black wins) 23...♟h8 24.♟e6 (this time 24.♟xc6 ♟xc6 25.♟e6 ♟d5 is very bad) 24...♟xe6 25.♟xe6 ♟d4 and Black wins; or

B) 21.♟xe6 bxa1 ♟ 22.♟xa1 (only not 22.♟xd8 ♟xd1 23.♟xd1 ♟xd8) 22...♟d7 23.♟xf8 ♟xf8 and Black is a little better.

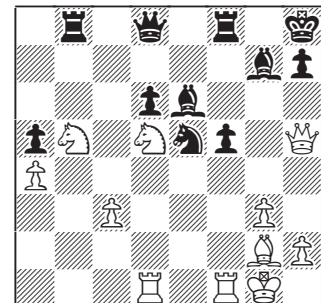
20...e4N 21.f3 exf3

Black can equalize with 21...♟d4 but for me getting the knight to e5 looked very appealing.

22.♟xf3 ♟e5 23.♟h5 ♟h8

The king is safer in the corner.

24.♟ad1



24...♟g4!!

The knight cuts off the retreat for White's queen, while threatening 25...♟xd5 and 26...♟e3 which is hard to prevent.

25.♟bc7 ♟f7 26.♟xf5

White's only defense is 26.♟h4 although Black is clearly much better after 26...♟xh4 27.gxh4 ♟g8.

**26...♟xd5 27.♟xg4 ♟xf1+!!
28.♟xf1**

White cannot prevent the loss of material. Also hopeless is 28.♟xf1 (or 28.♟xf1 ♟xg2+) 28...♟xc7 29.♟xd5 ♟c5+.

**28...♟b3 29.♟e6 ♟b6+!! 30.♟h1
♟b7+ 31.♟g2 ♟xd1 32.♟g5 ♟f3
0-1.**

Notes by
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Shaw, John
Lawson, Eric

*Hastings Challengers (3),
2003*

Sicilian: Alapin B22

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 ♟c6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5
♟xd5 5.d4 e5 6.♟xe5 ♟xe5
7.dxe5 ♟xe5+ 8.♟e3 ♟d7 9.♟b3
♟f6 10.♟d2

Taking the pawn with 10.♟xb7 gives
Black nice counterplay after 10...♟b8
11.♟xa7 ♟g4 12.♟e2 ♟xe3 13.fxe3
♟xb2 14.♟a8+ ♟b8 15.♟f3 ♟d6.

10...♟e7 11.♟xb7

Too greedy. The queen will have to
waste more time while Black's rook
invades the seventh rank and destroys
White's queenside structure.

11...♟b8 12.♟xa7 ♟xb2 13.♟a3

My computer believes that the
position after 13.♟c1! ♟xd2!! 14.♟xd2
0-0 is equal, but I doubt that many
humans will want to try this for White.

13...♟xd2 14.♟xd2 ♟e4+ 15.♟e1

White appears to have little choice,
since 15.♟c2 0-0 16.♟c4 (or 16.♟d3
c4; or 16.♟c1 c4!!; or 16.♟e1 ♟a4+!!)
16...♟f5 gives Black a crushing attack.

15...0-0 16.♟c4 ♟h4!!

This move forces a weakening of the
light squares around White's king.

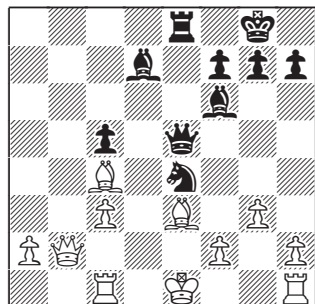
17.g3

John rejects the possible perpetual
after 17.♟f1 ♟xf2 18.♟xf2 ♟xf2
19.♟xf2 ♟f4+ 20.♟g1 ♟e3+.

17...♟f6 18.♟c1 ♟e8

Now 19...♟xf2 is an irresistible threat,
and we can see that forcing 17.g3 a
move earlier means that now 19.♟f1
is not possible because of 19...♟h3+.

19.♟b2



19...♟g5?!

Black probes for a way to deliver the
knockout blow on the light squares,
but already here the simple 19...♟xf2!!
20.♟xf2 ♟e4!! wins on the spot.

20.♟b7! ♟g4 21.♟d5 ♟e7?

Better is 21...♟f3+!? 22.♟f1 (but not
22.♟e2 ♟xh2+!! 23.♟e1?? ♟xc3+!!
and mate follows) 22...♟e6!! 23.♟xf3
♟xc4+ 24.♟g1 ♟d5 25.♟f4 ♟e6
26.c4 ♟a8 27.h3 (on 27.♟e1 g5!! the
queen is trapped) 27...♟xh1 28.♟xh1
♟xh3+ with an equal position.

22.♟e2 ♟e6

Objectively 22...♟xe2 is better, but
with such a superior position still fresh
in his mind Black is reluctant to trade
material.

23.♟c6

I completely missed the simple
capture 23.♟xc5 when Black will
have a very hard time proving he has
any compensation after 23...♟b7.

23...♟c8 24.♟a6 ♟e4

Once again Black's pieces are finding
better squares.

25.c4

Better is 25.♟d3.

25...♟e8

The knight sacrifice on f2 at the right
moment is on again.

26.♟f3 ♟g5

Black has the option of bailing out
with a perpetual after 26...♟g4!!
27.♟xg4 ♟xf2 28.♟xf2 ♟xe3+
29.♟g2 ♟d2+ 30.♟h3 ♟h6+ 31.♟g2
♟d2+.

27.♟e2??

The bishop should stay on the long
diagonal with 27.♟c6. White is lost
after the text, as Black's queen finally
gets to e4 with decisive effect.

27...♟c8!! 28.♟a3 ♟e4 29.♟f1
♟f3+ 30.♟xf3 ♟xf3

White's poorly coordinated pieces are
no match for his opponent's superbly
active rook and bishop pair.

31.♟d3 ♟g4 32.♟d2

White is mated after 32.h3 (or 32.♟c2
♟c3+ 33.♟xc3 ♟e2*) 32...♟d8
33.♟xd8+ ♟xd8 34.hxg4 ♟a5+
35.♟d2 ♟e4+ 36.♟d1 ♟d3 37.♟c2
♟xf1+ 38.♟e1 ♟xe1*.

32...♟d8 33.♟xd8+ ♟xd8 34.♟fe1
♟a5+ 0-1.

Notes by
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Wells, Peter
Lawson, Eric

*Hastings Challengers (5),
2003*

Sicilian: Rossolimo B31

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 ♟c6 3.♟b5 g6
4.♟xc6 dxc6 5.d3 ♟g7 6.h3 ♟f6
7.♟c3 c4

This move surprised my opponent
and caused him to use about 35
minutes on the clock for his response.
Fortunately for me, the opening is
one that I used often in my own
White games.

8.d4

The position after 8.dxc4 ♟xd1+
9.♟xd1 ♟e6 10.c5 0-0-0+ 11.♟e1
♟d7 12.♟e3 ♟xc3+ 13.bxc3 is equal.

8...b5

Again my opponent took a long time,
45 minutes to be exact, for his reply.
Black is absolutely ready to play ...b4
at the right moment, and then take
the pawn with ...♟xe4.

9.e5 ♟d5 10.♟e4 ♟f5 11.♟g3

But not 11.♟c5? ♟b4.

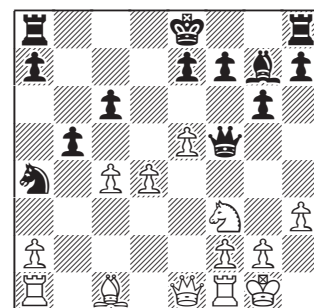
11...♟d7 12.0-0 c3

Black gains control of the light squares
and secures the outpost on d5.

13.bxc3 ♟xc3 14.♟e1 ♟a4

Naturally 14...♟d5 is better.

15.♟xf5 ♟xf5 16.c4



Peter decides to give a pawn in
exchange for some play, which is
probably the right idea given that
Black has ...♟b6 with control of the
light squares coming up next.

16...bxc4 17.♟a3

White now threatens to win the
knight after 18.♟b4. Played
immediately, the same 17.♟b4
regains the pawn.

17...c3

Black stops the threat and dreams, some day, of defending the pawn with the knight from d5!

18.♖c1

Given Black's reply, White should prefer 18.♖b1 with an equal position.

18...♙h6 19.♖e2

This exchange sacrifice is far too optimistic.

19...♙xc1 20.♖xc1 ♖e6 21.♖c2

On 21.♖a6 follows 21...♙b6.

21...♖c4 22.e6

White's position is quite lost, and so my opponent tries to complicate.

22...fxe6

More accurate is 22...f6 so as to prevent White's next.

23.♙e5 ♖xd4 24.♙xc6 ♖c4

25.♙e5 ♖b5 26.♖e4 ♖b8

Black still has to be careful – here 26...♖c8 would have been easier.

27.♙c6 ♖b7 28.♖xe6 ♖f5 29.♖c4 ♙b6 30.♖xc3 ♖f8

Just when Black's pieces have finally come to life, my opponent is almost out of time.

31.♙xe7 ♖xe7 32.♙xe7 ♙d5

There is no reason why Black should avoid 32...♖xf2+ 33.♖h1 ♖xe7.

33.♖e1 ♙xe7 34.♖c7 ♖f7 35.♖xa7 ♖f8 36.a4 ♖c5 37.♖a8+ ♖g7 38.a5 ♙c6 39.a6 ♖a7 0-1.

Notes by
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Lawson, Eric
Crouch, Colin

Hastings Challengers (8),
2003

Trompowsky D00

1.d4 ♙f6 2.♙g5 d5 3.♙xf6 gxf6

White only needs a draw to clinch his first IM norm, and that fact made me rather nervous during the first part of this game. At this moment 3...exf6 is seen much more often.

4.c4 c6 5.e3 f5 6.♙c3 e6 7.♙f3 ♙d7 8.♖c2

I discovered during my preparations that Colin often treats this line in 'stonewall fashion'.

8...a6 9.h3

A subtle little move that prepares g4 at the right moment.

9...♖f6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.a4 ♙d6

Against 11...b6 White has the pretty combination 12.a5 b5 13.♙xb5 axb5 14.♖c6 ♖b8 15.a6 e5 16.♖xf6 ♙xf6 17.♙xe5 available.

12.g3

I did not forever want to worry about the ...f4 break.

12...♙f8

The knight begins the journey to c6.

13.♖b3 ♙g6 14.a5 0-0 15.♙a4 ♙e7 16.♖b6??

At the time I thought that this queen excursion forces the reply 16...♙b8. Of course that is not the case, and so White should really continue with the originally intended 16.♙b6 and a slight advantage. After the text White loses at least a pawn.

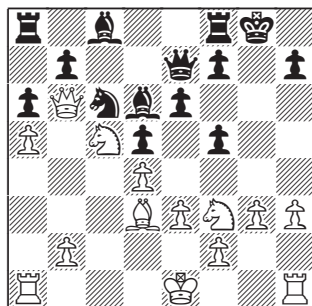
16...♙c6 17.♙d3

White now desperately needs some counterplay, and so the idea g4 is on again.

17...♖e7

Black now threatens 18...♙c7.

18.♙c5



18...e5 19.♙e2 exd4 20.♙d3

The recapture 20.exd4 ♙xd4 21.♙xd4 ♙xc5 is not possible.

20...dxe3

Better is 20...♙c7.

21.♖xe3 ♖xe3 22.fxe3 ♙xg3+ 23.♙d2

The only thing in White's favor is his superior structure and active pieces.

23...♙d6 24.♖a4 f6

White dreams of an attack with ♖g1+ followed by ♖h4 and ♙g5 and so Black takes an important square out of his opponent's equation.

25.♙d4 ♙d7 26.♙f3 ♙e7 27.♖aa1 ♖ac8 28.h4 ♖h8 29.h5 ♖g8

30.♙e2 ♙b5 31.♙c3 ♙c4

An exchange on d3 brings the game closer to a possible opposite colored bishop ending.

32.b3 ♙xb3

The tactical solution 32...♙xd3 33.♖xd3 ♖xc3+ 34.♖xc3 ♙e5+ 35.♖d3 ♙xa1 36.♖xa1 leaves White with chances to survive because he has the healthier pawn structure together with bishop vs knight on an open board.

33.♖hb1 ♙c4 34.♖xb7 ♖g3 35.♖d7 ♙xd3

The alternatives 35...d4 and 35...f4 are slightly more accurate.

36.♖xd6 ♖xf3 37.♖xd3 f4 38.♙xd5 ♙xd5 39.♖xd5 fxe3

The game has simplified to an ending where Black's extra pawns are not yet a decisive factor. White's remaining pawns could prove annoying by keeping Black's king in a mating net if the h/♙ gets to h6, while the pawn on the other wing might become a passed pawn. Interestingly enough the strange 39...♖xe3+ is better, since it gains an important tempo...

40.♖d6 ♖h3 41.♖e1

White cannot allow his opponent's ♙/e3 to become too strong, so therefore this precaution before going after Black's remaining pawns.

41...♖e8

Here 41...e2+ is actually decisive!

42.♖xf6 ♖xh5 43.♖xa6 ♖d5+ 44.♖c4 ♖d2 45.♖f6

White has to be able to answer 45...e2 with 46.♖f2 or else the pawn goes through.

45...e2 46.♖f2 ♖a2 47.♖d3 ♖xa5 48.♖fxe2 ♖d5+ 49.♖c4 ♖xe2 50.♖xe2 ♖d7 51.♖e5 ♖g7 52.♖d5 ♖e7 53.♖d4 ♖g6

Unfortunately if 54.♖e5 ♖xe5 55.♖xe5 ♖g5 and Black wins.

54.♖a5 h5 55.♖a3 h4 56.♖e3 ♖f7 57.♖d3 ♖g5 58.♖e2 ♖g4 59.♖e8 ♖g3 60.♖g8+ ♖h2 61.♖g4 h3

The position is a theoretical draw, and the IM norm mine!

62.♖g8 ♖a7 63.♖f1 ♖a1+ 64.♖f2 ♖a2+ 65.♖f1 ♖g2 66.♖h8 ♖g4 67.♖f2 ♖f4+ 68.♖e3 ♖f7 69.♖e2 ♖g2 70.♖g8+ ♖h1 71.♖h8 h2 72.♖g8 ♖a7 73.♖f1 ♖a1+ 74.♖f2 ♖g1 75.♖f8 ½-½.

Milan Vukadinov

In Memorial

by Brian Profit

While pursuing his university studies, Milan worked for a time as a security guard earning minimum wage at a hospital in Windsor. A doctor, having learned of his reputation, approached him there one day to ask if Milan gave chess lessons? Milan confirmed, and the doctor wanted to know what Milan charged for his services. Milan, with a poker face, replied “\$100 per hour”. Surprised, the doctor asked “Isn’t that a lot of money for chess lessons?” to which Milan replied with “There are many doctors in Windsor, but only one chess master”!

Milan was a natural raconteur, and this was one of the stories he loved to tell. We who knew him well appreciate how this story reflects the man, his wit, his good nature and his broad perspective on life. We also relish the irony, since Milan shared his gift for chess unselfishly, giving countless hours of unpaid lessons at the chess club and at his home to players of every playing strength. He was a man of broad culture with many talents and interests. He played the classical guitar, loved literature, movies and sport. He was an enthusiastic and perceptive commentator on the issues of the day, with politics and international relations being particular favorites. He was outgoing and convivial and loved to converse and interact with people socially. He was keenly intelligent, articulate, well informed, witty and sympathetic.

Milan Vukadinov passed away on November 13, 2002 at the age of 66 after suffering from a cancerous brain tumor. It is impossible to imagine that he is gone.

At the chess board Milan was a relentless fighter with a dynamic style and a transcendent grasp of the initiative. His uncanny positional judgment and an unerring eye for tactical opportunities made him a formidable opponent even for world class players such as Smirin and Epishin. Lesser mortals would routinely receive convincing thrashings by Milan, who was known

best in south western Ontario, although *En Passant* readers may remember him from several incisive contributions to Master’s Forum in years past.

Milan was born in the province of Vojvodina in the former Yugoslavia. He learned chess at nine, but did not play in his first tournament until he was twenty. On that occasion he already earned the Candidate Master title and became addicted to the game. Although Milan described chess as a ‘drug’, he took care not to let it consume his life.

The young Milan was a handsome, confident, smart and physically powerful man who could party all night, get up early in the morning and swim five miles in the river. It amused him later in life to recall an incident that followed his win in the city championship: after the mayor greeted him by name, Milan’s friends were surprised that Milan had no idea who this important looking man was who apparently knew him!

He spent three years in law school at the University of Belgrade, but decided that it was not for him, and set off into the world with the same fearless spirit of adventure that characterized his chess, first to Germany and then on to Canada where he settled in 1965.

He landed in the large and thriving Serbian community that is part of Windsor, where he found a job at a foundry and began playing chess casually with the other workers. They were the ones who convinced him to enter competition, which he did by coming in second place at the 1967 Ontario Open against some of the best players in Canada. Around the same time, he began his life long association with the Windsor Chess Club.

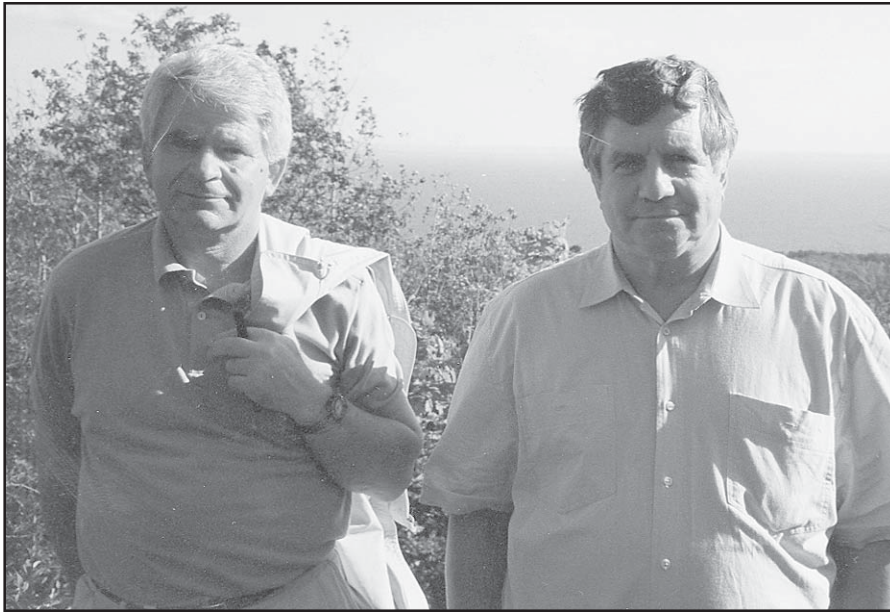
Milan met his future wife, Ruth, at the Windsor YMCA while he was a student in her ESL class. She encouraged him to return to school, and he enrolled at the University of Windsor where he studied Russian and received his Bachelor of Arts in 1971. Then came a Master’s Degree in Slavic Studies at the University of Waterloo. Milan spoke English, German, Russian and Serbo Croatian fluently, and had a working knowledge of several other languages. His proficiency in languages earned him a job at the Windsor Public Library in the languages department, where he worked for twenty years.

Throughout his life he fought the impulse to become more deeply involved with chess. He did not view chess as the center of his life because he never wanted to give it the total devotion that would bring the highest success. His interests were too varied, and his job and family were more important. However, passion for chess burned within him.

His outstanding contribution to the chess world was his coaching. Milan



Lawrence Day - Milan Vukadinov



Boris Spassky and Milan Vukadinov

loved analyzing and working with young players, and he shared his gift generously. Milan also loved to spectate at tournaments and sit in on the post mortems. He would wait for you at his home to go over your latest tournament games, which always proved both fun and enormously educational. He loved to search for the critical moments in a game, and he would always end on a positive note even when you suspected that you didn't really deserve his praise. The reward for a particularly well played game would be a shared glass of his 'sacred brandy', and then, warmed by the brandy and the dance of the pieces, you would know that the world was a wondrous place.

Virtually all of the best players who developed in the Windsor chess community in the last thirty years owe their success at least in part to Milan. Among his students, who he affectionately called Young Lions, were Ray Stone, Vlado Drkulec, Dennis Hart, Brian Profit, Meng Lou, Lou Byer, Mike Stroud, Tyler Johnson, David London, Nelson Marcelino and Patricia Chiriou. London NM Hans Jung was also a student of his.

Among Milan's career highlights were:

1967 Ontario op (2nd)
 1975 Windsor op (1st)
 1976 Canadian op (8th)
 1976 Vancouver op (6th)
 1979 Windsor Rose City op (1st)
 1979 Toronto Labour Day op (8th)
 1980 Malta Olympiad (5/9 Bd 4)
 1992 Vermont op (1st)

1992 Orlando op (4th)
 1993 Chicago Midwest Class ch (1st)
 1996 Dallas Southwest Class ch (2nd)
 1997 Toronto International (12th)
 1997 Winnipeg Canadian op (18th)
 1998 Canadian op (5th)
 1998 Cincinnati op (1st)
 1998 Kings Island op (13th)
 1999 Tuscon op (4th)
 2000 Kings Island op (10th)
 2001 Kings Island op (18th)

Milan's scoresheets indicate that he played in another dozen or so events, but I am unable to ascertain how he placed in them. Considering he played in only about thirty events in 35 years, with a long period of inactivity from 1990 to 1992, his record is most impressive! Although his results in individual competitions were very impressive, Milan actually preferred the camaraderie of team competitions. Milan was a member of the 1980 Canadian Olympiad Team in Malta, where his teammates appreciated both his steady results at the board and the beneficial effects of his spirit and sense of humor.

He was the heart and soul of the Windsor chess team that dominated the Detroit Metro Chess League and other local team competitions for more than 20 years. During that period, Milan won countless championships and board prizes while beating all of Michigan's top players. As the members of those teams will remember, we always expected to win, regardless of the opposition.

Milan's Canadian rating peaked at 2412, and in the 1970s he was ranked 8th in Canada. His highest USCF rating was 2455, and at the time of his death Milan was still the third highest ranked player over 65 at 2359. His FIDE rating was only 2232, primarily because he had so few opportunities to play in FIDE rated events, competing as he did mostly in US Swiss tournaments.

He loved speed chess, and even in his later years would play all comers, including computer programs. Once, during the 1994 North Bay International, he sat down to play speed against Todd Southam. Milan, in his usual style, started the first games off with silly openings like 1.g4 to take his opponent out of theory. That played into Todd's hands, but after three consecutive losses, Milan switched to respectable openings, evened the score, and then won the session handily.

Milan was also an amazing player giving odds, which is pretty much a lost art today. His dynamic style allowed him to give queen odds to almost anyone rated below 1600. His favorite opponent in these games many years ago was his friend and countryman Omar. Although he could never seem to win a game, Omar's enthusiasm never waned, and the games were always an occasion for exchanging humorous barbs while a crowd gathered around, mesmerized by the drama of Omar's Sisyphean ordeal! Finally, one day, as Milan told the story, Omar got the upper hand. Sensing victory finally within his grasp, Omar became more and more excited and taunted Milan with "You can't escape me this time, Milan"! But then a chance presented itself to turn the tables, if only Milan could give a check with his dark squared bishop. "Don't get too cocky, Omar", replied Milan as he carefully nudged his only remaining bishop from a light to a dark square. Omar, distracted as he was, didn't notice. Then came the check along the diagonal, and the color drained from Omar's face as he suddenly realized he was being mated. "Son of a gun! How did I screw it up"? The crowd roared with laughter as Milan confessed his crime.

Goodbye, Milan, and thanks. It will never be the same without you.

Notes by
Kevin Spraggett

**Spraggett, Kevin
Vukadinov, Milan**

Vancouver, 1976

Sicilian: Taimanov B47

1.e4

The year was 1976 and the place sunny Vancouver at the first ever Keres Memorial. It was also the first and only time that Milan and I would meet over the board. We became friends after this game, and later met several times at his house – thank you Ruth for your hospitality – and many other times at different tournaments.

1...c5 2.♟f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♟xd4 ♟c6

The Taimanov Variation is a popular choice among positional players, and Milan was no exception. He did not believe in fancy or flashy moves, preferring instead to build up his games with solid time proven principles and constructive ideas.

5.♟c3 ♟c7 6.g3 a6 7.♟g2 d6 8.♟xc6

This exchange is not White's best course, but fond memories of a brilliant victory against Leon Piasetski some years before prompted an irresistible bout with nostalgia!

8...bxc6 9.0-0 ♟b7!

Unaware of my game against Piasetski, Milan nevertheless finds the best move. Spraggett–Piasetski, PQ 1972, instead went 9...♟f6 10.♟e1 ♟b7 11.b3 ♟e7 12.♟b2 d5 13.e5 ♟d7 14.♟h5! c5?! 15.♟xd5! ♟xd5 16.♟xd5 exd5 17.e6 0-0 18.exf7+!! ♟xf7 19.♟xe7!! ♟xe7 20.♟xd5+ ♟f7 21.♟xa8+ ♟f8 22.♟xa6 h5 23.h4 1-0.

10.♟a4

White has nothing better than trying to establish a bind with the pawn advance c4. On 10.♟e1 follows 10...c5

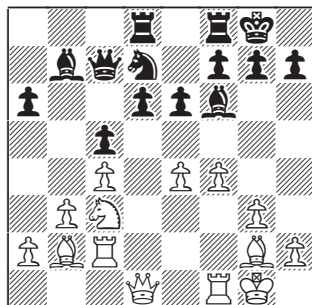
10...♟f6 11.c4 c5 12.♟c3 ♟e7 13.f4 0-0 14.b3

There is no doubt that this is a solid move, but hardly the best one! At the time I knew little theory – not much was published in those days anyway – and was often content to play solid moves before starting an attack. Today I would play the more direct 14.g4 even though this also promises little against an accurate defense. The

game Popovic–Paunovic, Herceg Novi YU ch tt 2001, continued 14...♟d7 15.g5 ♟fe8 16.b3 ♟f8 17.♟d2! ♟ad8 18.♟g4 ♟b6?! 19.a4 and White went on to win.

Also possible is 14.♟d3! ♟ad8 (better is 14...♟d7!) 15.b3 ♟d7 16.g4 ♟fe8 (better 16...♟f6!) 17.g5 ♟f8 18.♟b2 g6 19.♟ad1 ♟a5 (19...♟b8! 20.h4 ♟c6) 20.♟h3 ♟c7 21.♟d3 ♟g7 22.f5 ♟e5 from Kuzmin–Poluljahov, Yalta op 1995.

14...♟d7! 15.♟b2 ♟f6 16.♟c1 ♟ad8! 17.♟c2



17...♟b8!

Milan was of that generation of Masters who always knew where to put his pieces. With the text Black intends to control, or perhaps even occupy d4 with his knight. My intention was to outplay him in a boring middlegame, but as it turns out my exaggerated play almost hands the advantage over to Black!

18.♟d2 ♟c6 19.♟a1!?

In retrospect I am surprised at having played such a move in my younger days. Now it looks somewhat artificial, even though it is based on a number of pretty good ideas...

19...♟d4 20.♟fd1 ♟c6!

Milan prepares for an eventual pawn march to a4 as well as lining up a battery on the long diagonal with ...♟b7.

21.♟e2! e5!

After 21...♟xe2+ 22.♟xe2 ♟xb2 23.♟xb2 White still has some hope of directing pressure down the d/file.

22.♟e1 ♟fe8

White keeps an edge after 22...exf4 23.♟xf4 (or 23.♟xd4 cxd4 24.♟xd4 ♟xd4+ 25.♟xd4 fxd3 26.hxd3) 23...♟e5 24.♟f1.

23.♟b1

But not 23.f5? ♟g5 24.♟d3 ♟c2.

23...♟b7 24.f5!?

Probably not as good as the simple 24.♟c3 which leads to a complex game after 24...a5 25.f5 a4 26.bxa4 ♟b8 27.♟b5. I felt at the time that the text might lead to an advantage for White, but Milan was not one to be bluffed for long!

24...♟xf5! 25.exf5 ♟xg2 26.♟c3 ♟c6 27.♟d5

White's compensation is based on having increased the number of open lines for his rooks, and thus his central control over the position.

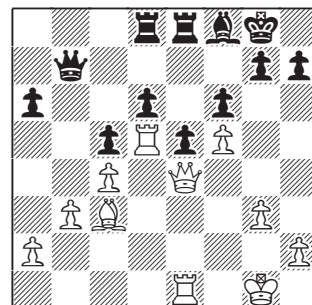
27...♟g5 28.♟dd1 ♟xd5!

After 28...f6 29.♟c3 ♟h8 30.♟a5 ♟d7 31.♟e4 Black has absolutely no counterplay against the coming advance of White's kingside pawns.

29.♟xd5 ♟e7 30.♟c3 f6 31.♟e4

White has extracted everything he possibly can from his pawn sacrifice.

31...♟f8!?



One of Milan's assets as a chess player was his realism. Here he knows that his extra pawn is worthless in terms of winning chances, and so he rather returns the material in an effort to simplify the game and avoid defending a passive position.

32.♟xe5

A tough decision. White might continue with a slow buildup on the kingside by 32.♟a5! ♟d7 33.g4 h6 34.h4 ♟e7 35.♟h2 ♟f8 36.♟g1 ♟d8 37.♟d2 at little risk, or else regain the pawn in hopes of landing in a slightly better endgame.

32...♟xe4 33.♟5xe4 ♟xe4 34.♟xe4 d5! 35.cxd5 ♟xd5

Capablanca introduced the concept of pawn islands, which is based on the idea that fewer pawn islands generally mean fewer pawn weaknesses. Here Black has one more pawn island, but it is White who needs to worry about the counterplay Black enjoys that is

based on White's weak ♖/f5. Milan plays the endgame with great precision.

36.♖a4 ♖d6 37.♜f2 ♜f7 38.♜e2

White improves his position before attempting anything more concrete.

38...g6!

Milan understands that remaining idle in such positions is a recipe for defeat.

39.♖h4!?

Black should have sufficient counterplay after 39.fxg6+ hxg6 40.g4 f5 41.gxf5 gxf5 42.♙d2 based on the asymmetrical pawn structure on the kingside. In hindsight this is the approach White should take, but I underestimated the strength of Milan's 40th move.

39...♜g8 40.♖c4! gxf5!

An 'ugly' move to be sure, but one that is typical for Milan's original approach to the game. He always stressed the importance of playing the board and testing one's ideas, rather than being deterred by the kibitzers. This outlook was likely one of the main reasons why so many students were attracted to Milan as a teacher of the game.

41.♖f4 ♖d5 42.♖a4 ♖d6 43.♙d2 ♜f7 44.♙f4 ♖b6 45.♜d3 ♜e6! 46.♙d2

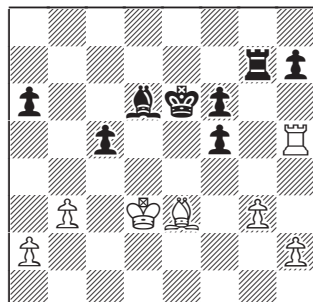
White has to maneuver a little, since 46.♜c4?! ♙d6! (there is no need for Black to calculate the long variations after 46...♖b4+!? 47.♖xb4 cxb4 48.♙d2 h5) doesn't go anywhere.

46...♖d6+ 47.♜c2 ♜d5!

Black's active king and space advantage fully compensate for his pawn weaknesses.

48.♖h4 ♖d7 49.♙c3 ♜e6 50.♙d2 ♖b7 51.♙e3 ♙d6 52.♖a4 ♖b6 53.♜d3 ♜d5 54.♖h4 ♖b7 55.♖h5 ♜e6 56.♙d2 ♖g7! 57.♙e3

On 57.♜c4 Black has 57...♖g4+!



57...♖g4!

Milan correctly decides to force the issue, and the text does leave Black with a completely sound position.

The alternative 57...♖b7!? is also fine, although perhaps a bit passive.

58.♖xh7 f4! 59.gxf4 ♙xf4 60.♙xc5

The rook ending after 60.♙xf4 ♖xf4 61.♖a7 ♖h4 62.♖xa6+ ♜d5! ultimately leads to a drawn king and pawn ending viz. 63.♖xf6 ♖h3+ 64.♜e2 ♖xh2+ 65.♖f2 ♖xf2+ 66.♜xf2 c4! 67.b4?! (simpler is 67.♜e3 ♜c5 68.♜d2 ♜b4) 67...c3 68.♜e3 ♜c4 69.b5 (but not 69.a3?? ♜b3 and Black wins) 69...♜xb5 70.♜d3 ♜b4 71.♜c2.

60...♖g2! 61.♜e4 ♙d6!

Milan and I had to smile at the silly possibility of 61...♙xh2 62.♖e7#.

62.♙xd6 ♜xd6 63.a4 ♖b2 64.♖h3 ♜c5! 65.♖h4

After a long think White realizes that no further progress is possible.

65...♜b4 66.♖h8 ♖a2!

Surely not 66...♜xb3? 67.♖b8+ ♜a2 68.♖xb2+ ♜xb2 69.h4.

67.♖h3

Who is really better after 67.h4 ♜xb3 68.h5 ♜xa4 69.h6 ♖h2?

67...a5! 68.♜d5 ♖e2! 69.♜d6 f5!

Milan will trade the f/♙ for my h/♙ and then the game is a stale draw. I remember analyzing the game for a very pleasant hour or two with Milan afterwards, and how he managed to cheer me up by arguing that I had forced him to defend very well from an inferior position. He was always a great sportsman, and I will miss him.

½-½.

Notes by
Hans Jung

**Vukadinov, Milan
Pelts, Roman**

Hamilton CA op, 1976

King's Indian E71

Milan loved this game, and he proudly showed it to me on a number of different occasions. Roman Pelts was a newcomer to Canada at the time, but already a legendary personality of the chess world. An Honored Chess Coach of the USSR, trainer of the greats, and a formidable positional player himself!

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 g6 3.♙c3 ♙g7

The King's Indian Defense is a fitting opening for two positional greats!

4.e4 d6 5.h3

Milan would fall back on this favorite system when his other prepared lines weren't scoring or he anticipated an innovation from the opponent!

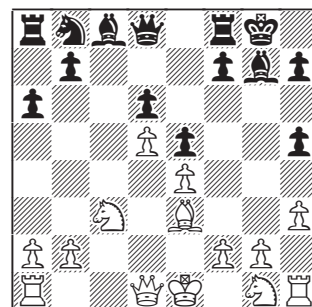
5...0-0 6.♙e3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.♙d3 cxd5

Black fixes the center as a prelude to opening the kingside.

9.cxd5 ♟h5 10.♙e2 a6?

A standard way to create play is 10...♟f4. I find it difficult to criticize Roman's decision, but watch what happens next...

11.♙xh5 gxh5



12.g4!

Deep strategy! Milan clamps down hard on his opponent's kingside position. Now an exchange of pawns opens the h/file onto Black's king, whereas the important lever ...f5 has been prevented for good. Black, in some cases, also has to worry about the further pawn advance g5.

12...b5 13.a3 ♟d7 14.♟ge2 h4 15.0-0

By castling Milan boldly demonstrates that he is playing a subtle waiting game. Where does Roman intend to initiate his play?

15...h5 16.f3 ♜h7 17.♜h2 ♙f6 18.♖g1 ♙g5

Roman trades off his 'bad' bishop, but isn't it also the potentially strong 'Gufeld' bishop? Now Milan effortlessly pushes back a great positional player.

19.♙xg5 ♜xg5 20.♜c1 ♜xc1 21.♖axc1 ♟f6 22.♟d1

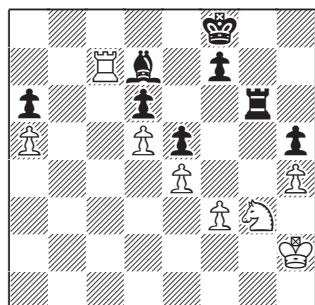
The beginning of the two knights tango!

22...♙d7 23.♟e3 ♖ac8 24.g5 ♖xc1 25.♖xc1 ♟e8 26.♟g2 ♖g8

27. ♖xh4 ♖xg5 28. ♖g3 ♖g7
29. ♖hf5+ ♖f8 30. h4 ♖g8 31. b3
♖g6 32. a4 bxa4 33. bxa4 ♖g7

After 33... ♖xa4 34. ♖xh5 White's passer is very likely the stronger of the two.

34. ♖xg7 ♖xg7 35. a5 ♖f8 36. ♖c7



Milan is willing to trade one advantage for another: he plans to reach an instructive rook and pawn ending with the superior king, in exchange for his better minor piece and potentially passed h/♖!

36... ♖e8 37. ♖a7 ♖c8 38. ♖xh5
♖h6 39. ♖g7+ ♖f8 40. ♖a8 ♖xg7
41. ♖xc8 ♖xh4+ 42. ♖g3 ♖h1
43. ♖c6 ♖a1 44. ♖xa6 ♖a2 45. ♖g4
♖a3 46. f4 exf4 47. ♖xf4 ♖a1
48. ♖xd6 ♖xa5 49. ♖b6 ♖a1
50. ♖e5 ♖d1 51. ♖b7 ♖d2 52. ♖d6
♖e2 53. e5 ♖f8 54. ♖b8+ ♖g7
55. ♖e8 ♖d2 56. ♖c6 ♖c2+ 57. ♖d7
♖c1 58. d6 ♖c5 59. e6 fxe6
60. ♖xe6 ♖c6 61. ♖d5 1-0.

Notes by

Milan Vukadinov

Day, Lawrence
Vukadinov, Milan

Windsor Rose City op, 1979

Sicilian: Grand Prix Attack B21

1. e4 c5 2. f4 ♖c6

Other options are 2... e6 and 2... ♖f6.

3. ♖f3 g6 4. c3

Lawrence needs to win for a shot at the prize money, and so immediately leaves the book lines. More usual is 4. ♖b5 ♖g7 5. 0-0 ♖f6 with equality.

4... d5 5. e5

Black's central challenge on the last move is very logical, given that on 5. exd5 ♖xd5 square/c3 is unavailable for White's knight. However, it is also double edged after White's reply, as now Black has problems with the development of his kingside pieces.

5... ♖g4 6. h3

If White intends a kingside pawn storm, it might be more effective to first play 6. ♖e2 followed by castling.

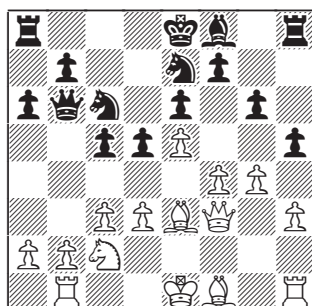
6... ♖xf3 7. ♖xf3 e6 8. d3 ♖ge7 9. g4 h5

Now neither side can safely castle kingside.

10. ♖a3 a6 11. ♖c2 ♖c7 12. ♖e3 ♖b6

After 12... 0-0-0 13. ♖xc5 hxg4 14. hxg4 ♖xe5 15. fxe5 ♖xh1 16. ♖xh1 ♖xc5 17. d4 Black emerges with a chronically weak ♖/f7.

13. ♖b1



13... d4

Black would have reacted in the same way to 13. b4 or 13. O-O-O.

14. ♖d2 dxc3 15. ♖xc3 hxg4!
16. hxg4

Milan has chosen the right moment for this exchange: the recapture 16. ♖xg4 leaves White with a weak h/♖, while the text takes White's queen temporarily out of play to take Black's rook on the next move. White's king remains in the center with a rather uncoordinated supporting cast of pieces. After Black has castled queenside his rook enjoys much better prospects than White's, given that it has the weak ♖/d3 to work on.

16... ♖xh1 17. ♖xh1 0-0-0 18. ♖e4

More precise on Black's last move was 17... ♖d5 since White should now play 18. ♖e3!?

18... ♖d5 19. ♖d2 ♖db4 20. ♖xb4 ♖xb4 21. ♖xb4 cxb4

The tempting 21... ♖d4? loses to 22. ♖xd4! cxd4 23. ♖xf8. After the text Black's dark squared bishop is free at last, and White burdened with an additional pawn weakness at a2.

22. ♖c1+ ♖b8 23. ♖g2 ♖d4 24. ♖f3 ♖e7 25. g5!

Lawrence does not allow the disruptive ...g5 by Black.

25... ♖d7 26. ♖e2 ♖a5 27. ♖h1 ♖c5

Since there was no way to defend his queenside, White set a neat trap: on 27... ♖xa2? 28. ♖h8+ ♖a7 29. ♖e3+ Black is mated, while 27... ♖c5 28. ♖h8+ ♖a7 29. ♖e3 greatly reduces Black's winning chances.

28. ♖h8+ ♖a7 29. ♖c8 ♖d4

Or else 29... ♖b6!?

30. ♖c4 ♖b6!?

Played cautiously, but 30... ♖xb2 seems stronger.

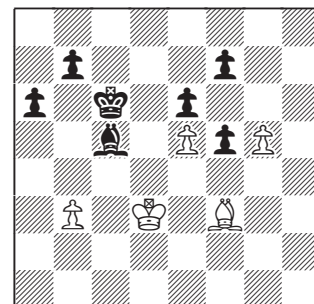
31. ♖e4 ♖xa2 32. ♖xb4 ♖b1 33. d4 ♖xe4+ 34. ♖xe4 ♖xd4?

The bishop capture is better, as White can hardly hold the ending after 34... ♖xd4 35. ♖xb7 ♖xb7 36. ♖xd4 ♖xb2+.

35. ♖xd4 ♖xd4 36. b3 ♖b6 37. ♖d3 ♖c5 38. ♖f3 ♖c7 39. f5!?

With time control approaching and Black unsure of how many moves have been made, White plays a totally unexpected move and Black fails to find the correct sequence.

39... gxf5 40. ♖h5 ♖c6 41. ♖f3+



Black wins after 41. ♖xf7 ♖d5 42. g6 ♖f8.

41... ♖d7??

The win is still there with 41... ♖c7 42. ♖h5 ♖d7 43. ♖xf7 ♖e7 44. g6 ♖f8.

42. ♖xb7 a5 43. ♖f3! ♖e7 44. ♖h5 ♖xg5 45. ♖xf7 ♖c1 46. ♖c3 f4?

A better try is 46... ♖e3.

47. ♖h5 ♖c6 48. ♖d4 ♖d7 ½-½.

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King's Indian: Four Pawns E76

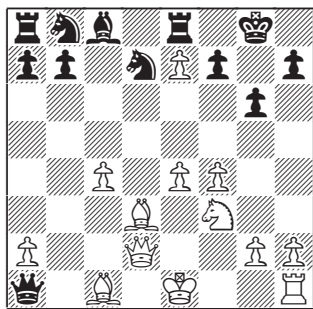
1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 g6 3.♟c3 ♟g7

Smirin is a leading authority on the King's Indian Defense.

4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.♟f3 c5 7.dxc5 ♟a5 8.♟d3 ♟fd7

The standard reply is 8...♟xc5 but Milan was unphased as he had played a game with this line a few months earlier.

9.cxd6 ♟xc3+ 10.bxc3 ♟xc3+ 11.♟d2 ♟xa1 12.dxe7 ♟e8



Milan loved this type of position. Unclear complications with many possibilities for active play lie ahead.

13.e5

White now threatens to castle and then pick up Black's queen with ♟a3.

13...♟c6 14.0-0 ♟d4?

Smirin wants to gain access to d4 by an exchange of knights. GM Vaisser in his book entitled *Beating the King's Indian and Benoni: Four Pawns Attack* recommends 14...♟c5! 15.♟a3! (but not 15.♟b2? ♟xa2 16.f5 ♟xf5 17.♟xf5 ♟e6 18.♟xe6 fxe6 19.♟h6 ♟xe7 Szczepaniec–Stypka, cr 1989) 15...♟b3! 16.♟xa1 ♟xd2 17.♟xd2 ♟xe7 18.♟e4 ♟d8 19.♟d6 with good compensation for the exchange.

15.♟g5

White renews the threat 16.♟a3 and Black soon has to give up his queen.

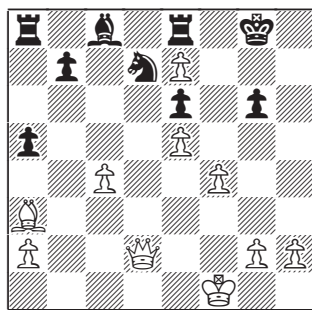
15...♟e6

Vaisser gives 15...♟c5 16.♟a3 ♟cb3 17.♟f2 ♟c3 18.♟h4 h5 19.♟e4 ♟xd3 20.♟f6+ ♟h8 21.♟xe8 as winning for White.

16.♟xe6 fxe6 17.♟xg6!

The queen is trapped.

17...hxg6 18.♟a3 ♟xf1+ 19.♟xf1 a5



Smirin understands the implications of weakening f6 after 19...♟b8 20.f5 ♟f7 (after 20...gxf5 21.♟g5+ Black eventually drops the ♟/e8) 21.♟g5 as played in Vukadinov–Turtel, Toronto 1997, and so Black instead prepares a rook lift on the a/file.

20.f5?

After the game GM Murey showed how 20.♟d3! ♟g7 21.h4! completely ties up the Black position, and White goes on to win after 21...♟a6 (or 21...b6 22.h5 gxh5 23.f5 ♟xe5 24.♟g3+ ♟f7 25.♟xe5 exf5 26.♟b2 ♟xe7 27.♟g7+ ♟e8 28.♟g8+ ♟d7 29.♟d5+; or 21...♟b6 22.♟d8) 22.h5 gxh5 23.♟g3+ ♟f7 24.♟g5 ♟h8 25.e8♟+ ♟xe8 (not 25...♟xe8 26.♟e7#) 26.♟xh5+ ♟g7 27.♟xe8.

20...exf5 21.e6 ♟e5 22.♟f4 ♟xe6

Black is forced to return a piece in an effort to reduce the pressure on his position. Instead 22...♟c6 23.♟g5! breaches Black's defense on the kingside with the threat of landing on f8 with White's queen!

23.♟xe5 ♟a6

Possible as well is 23...♟xc4+ although Black might find his king a little drafty on the long diagonal after White puts his bishop on b2.

24.♟f2 ♟f7

For the time being Smirin keeps White's queen away from f6.

25.♟f4

Black is just fine after 25.♟c7 ♟c6 26.♟xb7 ♟xc4 and so White prepares to invade the defense via h4 or h6.

25...♟c6 26.♟h4?

Stronger looks 26.♟h6! ♟d7 (Black is mated shortly after 26...♟cc8 ♟f8 27.♟h7+ ♟f6 28.♟b2+ ♟g5 29.h4+) 27.♟h7+ ♟f6! (or 27...♟e6 28.♟xg6+ ♟e5 29.♟b2+ ♟e4 30.♟g5) 28.h4

♟xc4 (Black is also much worse after 28...a4 29.♟b2+ ♟e6 30.♟g7 ♟c8 31.♟xg6+ ♟xe7 32.♟g7+) 29.♟b2+ ♟e6 30.♟xg6+ ♟d5 31.♟f6 when White's h/♟ is too strong.

26...♟xc4 27.♟h6 ♟f6! 28.h4

Black has escaped, since 28.♟f8+ ♟f7! just saves his hide.

28...♟xa2 29.h5 ♟f7 30.hxg6 ♟xg6 31.♟d2 ½-½.

Notes by
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Queen's Indian E11

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.♟f3 ♟b4+ 4.♟d2 a5

Voronkov writes in *Queen's Indian Defense* that Bronstein employed this idea of Averbakh's successfully at the 1964 Amsterdam Interzonal. Prior to this Black usually traded bishops, but then White keeps a lingering advantage based on the problems Black has developing his remaining bishop. Accordingly, most players now prefer 4...♟e7.

5.g3

Black has little to fear from 5.a3 ♟xd2+ 6.♟bxd2 a4 7.e4 d6 8.♟e2 e5 9.c5 0-0 10.0-0 ♟c6 11.d5 ♟b8 12.b4 axb3 13.♟xb3 ♟bd7 as played in the game Rossetto–Schweber, Buenos Aires 1970; and 5.e3 0-0 6.♟d3 b6 7.0-0 ♟b7 8.♟c2 c5 9.e4 ♟xd2 10.♟bxd2 ♟c6 11.d5 ♟b4 12.♟c3 exd5 13.exd5 b5 14.b3 a4 gave Black a fine game in Buslaev–Smyslov, Moscow 1967. That leaves 5.♟c3 (5.♟xb4 is out of the question) with another transposition to the Nimzo Indian, albeit with a somewhat misplaced ♟/d2.

5...0-0 6.♟g2 d6 7.0-0 ♟xd2

This time the exchange is forced, because White's next move is 8.♟g5 or 8.♟f4.

8.♟xd2 ♟c6 9.♟c3 ♟e7 10.e4 e5 11.♟fe1?

Many years ago GM Kavalek once wrote in *Chess Life and Review* how difficult it is for a young Master to choose the right rook in these cases. I am no longer young, nor will I ever be a Grandmaster, but I still have that same problem! In view of White's

eventual play on the kingside, it is almost certainly the other rook that should go to the e/file on this day ...

11... ♖g4 12.d5 ♖d8?

This retreat does not make a good impression. Unfortunately Black cannot establish a knight on d4 with 12... ♖xf3 since 13.dxc6 ♖xg2 14.cxb7 ♖ab8 15.♙xg2 ♖xb7 leaves White with the healthier pawn structure. The correct plan, however, is 12... ♖b4 followed as necessary by ♖...a6-c5.

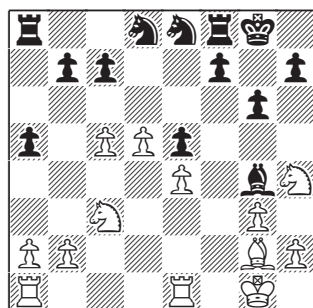
13. ♖h4 g6 14.f4 exf4 15.♙xf4

White now threatens 16.e5.

15... ♙e5

Black runs into trouble in the line 15... ♙e8 16.♙f1 ♙g7 17.♖b5 ♙c8 18.c5.

16. ♙xe5 dxe5 17.c5! ♖e8



Black is strategically lost. Most of his pieces have been pushed back onto the first rank, and his queenside weaknesses provide excellent targets for his opponent. No chance for counterplay exists anywhere.

18. ♙ac1 b6 19. ♖b5 ♖b7 20.cxb6 cxb6 21. ♙c6 ♖c5 22. ♙xb6 ♖a4 23. ♙b7 ♖xb2 24. ♖f1

A move with many ideas! White moves the bishop to a more useful diagonal, prepares to trap Black's ♖/a4, and clears the way for his own ♖/h4 to re-enter the game via ♖g2-e3.

24... ♖a4 25. ♙c1 ♖f6 26. ♙c4 ♖b2 27. ♙c2 ♖d1

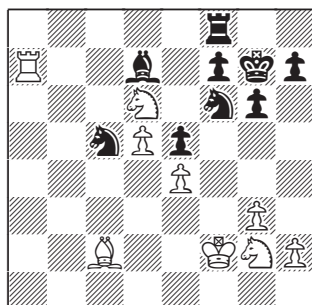
After the retreat 27... ♖a4 White has more chances to go wrong. Best is 28. ♖d6 (on 28. ♖d3 ♖d7 Black threatens 29... ♖c5 with some activity for his pieces) when Black loses further ground after 28... ♙ab8 (or 28... ♙ad8 29. ♙c6 ♖c5 30. ♙xc5 ♙xd6 31. ♖d3) 29. ♙a7 ♙a8 30. ♙xa8 ♙xa8 31. ♙c7 ♖d7 (not 31... ♖d7 32.h3) 32. ♖f3 with a big advantage.

28. ♖d3 a4 29. ♙c6 ♙g7 30. ♖d6 ♙ab8 31. ♙cb6 ♙xb7 32. ♙xb7 ♖d7

33. ♖c2 ♖c3 34. ♙c7

White should not try to save the pawn, since 34.a3 ♙b8 surrenders most of his initiative.

34... ♖xa2 35. ♖xa4 ♖f6 36. ♙f2 ♖b4 37. ♖g2 ♖a6 38. ♙a7 ♖c5 39. ♖c2 ♖d7?



Formanek blunders a piece in time trouble. After 39... ♖cd7 a hard struggle still lies ahead.

40. ♙a5 ♖g4+ 41. ♙e1? ♖xe4 42. ♖xe4 ♖xh2 43. ♙a7 ♖h3 44. ♖e3 ♙g8 45. ♙a2 ♖g4 46. ♖xg4 ♖xg4 47. ♖c4 f5 48. ♖g2 h5 49. d6 e4 50. ♖e5 ♙g7 51. ♙a7+ 1-0.

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Milan Vukadinov strikes me as the sort of player who was tough to beat because he didn't lose hope in unpleasant or passive positions. A lot of chess is about attitude, and if one views a successful defense as an accomplishment rather than a chore, then I think Milan must have enjoyed the game a great deal!

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4. ♖f3 cxd4 5. ♖xd4 ♙b6 6. ♖g2 ♖c5 7.e3 ♖c6 8. ♖b3

The alternative 8. ♖xc6 (or 8. ♖c3 ♖xd4 9.exd4 ♖xd4 10.0-0 e5 11. ♖b5 0-0 12. ♖xd4 exd4 13.b3 d5 from Haba-Sax, DE BL 1992) 8... dxc6 9.0-0 e5 10. ♖c3 (intending to grab the bishop pair with 11. ♖a4) 10... ♙c7 11. ♙c2 0-0 12.b3 ♖e6 13. ♖b2 ♙ad8 as played in Piket-Topalov, Wijk aan Zee 1998, gives White nothing.

8... ♖b4+ 9. ♖d2

After 9. ♖d2 d5 10.0-0 0-0 11.a3 ♖e7 12. ♖c3 ♖d8 13.b4 a5 14.b5 ♖e5

Black was at least equal in Tukmakov-Brodsky, Nikolaev zt 1993.

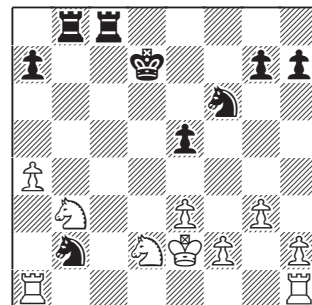
9... ♖e5 10. ♙c2 d5 11.cxd5 ♙b5?

Sosonko-Suba, Tunis izt 1985, went 11... ♙a6!? (or just 11... ♖xd5) 12. ♖xb4 (Black has plenty of compensation for the pawn after 12. ♖f1 ♖f3+ 13. ♖d1 ♙b6) 12... ♖d3+ 13. ♖d2 ♖xb4 14. ♙c3 ♖bxd5 15. ♙d3 ♙xd3+ 16. ♖xd3 b6 17. ♖c3 ♖a6+ with a Black edge.

12. ♖d4! ♖xd2+ 13. ♖xd2 ♙xb2 14. ♙xb2 ♖d3+ 15. ♙e2 ♖xb2 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.a4

White stands well, but even better is 17. ♙hb1! ♖a4 18. ♙xb7 (also good is 18. ♖xb7 ♖c3+ 19. ♙e1 ♖xb1 20. ♖xa8 ♖xd2 21. ♖xd2) 18... ♖xb7 19. ♖xb7 ♙e7 20. ♖xa8 ♙xa8 21. ♙c1 with the more active pieces and a pawn plus.

17... ♖d7 18. ♖xb7 ♙b8 19. ♖c6 e5 20. ♖xd7+ ♙xd7 21. ♖4b3 ♙hc8



Compared to the position we reached in the note to White's 17.a4 Black has much better prospects. his rooks control open files, while the opponent's ♖/b3 lacks pawn protection and White's a/♖ is more exposed on a4 than a2. The extra pawn means that White is still better, but Black can fight.

22. ♙a2!

Nice in theory, given that White is ahead in material, is the attempt to exchange a pair of rooks with 22. ♙hc1? but then 22... ♙xc1 23. ♙xc1 ♖xa4 24. ♙a1 ♖c3+ (the only move, since 24... ♙b4? 25. ♙xa4 ♙xa4 26. ♖c5+; or 24... ♖b6? 25. ♙xa7+ gives White a winning advantage) 25. ♙d3 ♖b5 recovers the pawn. The text, on the other hand, is a much better way to exchange material.

22... ♖c4 23. ♙c1 ♖xd2 24. ♙xd2+ ♙e7 25. ♙c5!? ♙xc5 26. ♖xc5 ♙c8 27. ♖d3 ♖e4 28. ♙b2 ♖c3+ 29. ♙f1 e4

Black can try 29...♖xa4!? but then 30.♖b5!? (with all of the remaining pawns on the same wing 30.♖a2 e4 31.♖b4 ♖c5 32.♖xa7+ ♖f6; or 30.♖b7+ ♖f6 31.♖xa7 ♖c5 look tough to win. Perhaps 30.♖b4!? ♖c5 31.♖xe5 a5 is worth a closer look) 30...e4 31.♖e5+ ♖f6 32.♖xe4 ♖c3 33.♖d4 gives White a clear advantage.

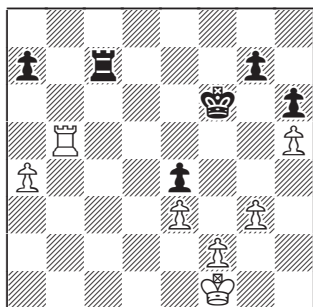
30.♖f4

Maybe instead 30.♖b7+!?

30...♖c7 31.♖b4 ♖d6 32.♖e2 ♖xe2 33.♖xe2 ♖d5 34.♖b5+ ♖e6 35.h4!

White gains space on the kingside for his monarch.

35...h6 36.h5 ♖f6 37.♖f1?!



I rather prefer to tie Black's rook to a passive defense of his ♖/a7 with 37.♖a5 ♖e6 (the point is that now 37...g6? 38.♖a6+ ♖g5 39.hxg6; or 37...g5? 38.♖a6+ ♖g7 39.♖g6+ ♖h7 40.♖e6 don't work for Black) 38.♖f1. Black can do little in this position, while the opponent improves the position of his king after 38...♖d6 39.♖g2 ♖f7 40.g4 ♖e6 41.♖b5 ♖d6 42.a5 ♖c7 43.♖g3 ♖f7 44.a6 ♖f3+ 45.♖g2 ♖f7 46.♖b4 ♖e7 (or 46...♖d5 47.♖b7) 47.♖g3 ♖c6 48.♖b7 ♖xb7 49.axb7 ♖xb7 50.♖f4 with an easily winning king and pawn ending.

37...g6 38.hxg6 ♖xg6 39.g4 a6 40.♖b4?!

How about 40.♖a5 with the intention of once again immobilizing Black's rook with the defense of ♖/a6 while keeping Black's king from crossing the fifth rank? Now 40...♖c6 (or 40...♖e7 41.♖g2 ♖e6 42.♖g3 ♖f7 43.♖f4 and White eventually bags the e/♖) 41.♖g2 ♖f6 42.♖g3 ♖g6 43.♖f4 ♖f6+ 44.♖f5 ♖e6 45.♖e5 ♖f6+ 46.♖g3 and ♖/e4 drops.

40...♖e7 41.♖b6+?

Much better looks 41.♖g2 with similar ideas of rounding up Black's e/♖ as examined in the last note after

41...♖g5 42.♖g3 ♖e6 (or 42...♖e5 43.♖d4 a5 44.♖c4 h5 45.gxh5 ♖xh5 46.♖f4) 43.♖d4 ♖e5 44.♖c4 (Black is soon forced to retreat with the king, move the rook away from e5, or else allow White's king access to f4 after ...h5) 44...a5 45.♖d4 h5 (or 45...♖g6 46.♖f4) 46.gxh5 ♖xh5 47.♖f4 and ♖/e4 falls yet again.

41...♖g5 42.♖xa6

Several important weaknesses have disappeared from the board, and now the passive position of his king makes the conversion of the extra material a hard slog for White.

42...♖xg4 43.♖f6 ♖e5 44.♖f4+ ♖h3 45.a5 ♖xa5 46.♖xe4 h5 47.♖f4 h4 48.e4 ♖h5 49.♖f5 ♖h8 50.♖g5

Sealing the king on the h/file slows the advance of Black's h/♖.

50...♖a8 51.e5 ♖h2 52.♖e2

White can try something like 52.e6!? h3 53.e7 ♖e8 54.♖g7 ♖h1 55.f4 h2 56.♖e2 with a win after 56...♖f8 57.♖h7 ♖e8 58.f5 ♖g1 59.f6 h1♖ 60.♖xh1+ ♖xh1 61.♖f3.

52...h3 53.f4 ♖h1 54.e6 h2

Black entombs his king in preparation for a self-stalemate. I don't see a way to avoid the draw now.

55.♖h5 ♖g2 56.♖g5+ ♖h1 57.f5 ♖a5 58.♖f3 ♖a3+ 59.♖f4 ♖f3+ 60.♖g4 ♖f4+

Draw agreed, since 61.♖h5 (61.♖xf4 is stalemate) 61...♖h4+ 62.♖g6 ♖h6+ 63.♖f7 ♖xe6 is a stalemate after either capture of the rook.

½-½.

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Slav: Alapin D17

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♖f3 ♖f6 4.♖c3 dxc4 5.a4 ♖f5 6.♖e5 e6 7.f3 ♖b4 8.♖xc4

The popularity of the sharp and very theoretical 8.e4!? has made the text a relatively rare guest in tournament practice. In Bareev-Khalifman, Ubeda 1997, the players agreed to a draw after 8.e4 ♖xe4 9.fxe4 ♖xe4 10.♖d2 ♖xd4 11.♖xe4 ♖xe4+ 12.♖e2

♖xd2+ 13.♖xd2 ♖d5+ 14.♖c2 ♖a6 15.♖xc4 b5!? (also possible is 15...0-0 or 15...0-0-0 with many exciting games on record in both lines) 16.axb5 ♖b4+ 17.♖b3 cxb5 18.♖xb4 bxc4 19.♖xc4 ♖b8+ 20.♖a3 ♖a5+ 21.♖a4+ ½-½.

8...0-0 9.♖g5 h6 10.♖h4 c5 11.dxc5 ♖xd1+ 12.♖xd1

Also possible is 12.♖xd1 ♖d8+ 13.♖c1 ♖a6 (after 13...♖c6!? 14.e4 ♖h7 15.♖f2 ♖d7 Black retains good prospects if he can blast the position open with ...f5) 14.e4 ♖xc5 15.♖c2 ♖h7 16.♖e2 g5 17.♖f2 ♖ac8 18.♖hd1 ♖d5 19.♖a2! as played in the game Kamsky-Akopian, Biel izt 1993. Here the key to the position appears to be not the exposed White king, but rather the lack of employment and isolation of the ♖/h7.

12...♖c2 13.♖c1 ♖xa4 14.♖a1?

Since Black has a timely ...♖d5 in mind, a better course for White appears to be 14.♖xf6 gxf6 15.♖a1 ♖b3 16.♖b6 ♖c6 17.♖xa8 ♖xa8 18.e3 ♖xc5 when Black has a pawn, very active pieces and play on the dark squares for the exchange deficit.

14...♖b3 15.♖d2

Here we see why White had to toss in 14.♖xf6. Black's knight becomes a monster after 15.♖b6 (on 15.♖xf6 Black has better than the recapture with 15...♖xc4!) 15...♖d5! 16.♖xa8 ♖xc3 17.e3 (not 17.bxc3 ♖xc3+ 18.♖f2 ♖xa1) 17...♖d5+ 18.♖f2 ♖xc5 and Black is winning since ♖/a8 is not getting out.



Milan Vukadinov

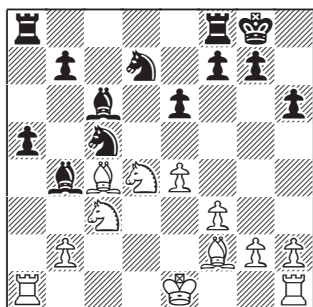
15...♙d5

For starters White's ♙/c5 is not likely to survive the coming siege, and so Black clearly stands better.

16.e4

After 16.♙xf6 gxf6 17.♗xd5 exd5 18.♖c1 (or 18.e3 ♗e8) 18...♗d7 the attempt to liquidate the weak c/♙ with 19.c6 runs into 19...♗ac8.

16...♙c6 17.♙f2 ♗bd7 18.♗b3 a5!
19.♗d4 ♗xc5 20.♙c4 ♗fd7?!



Instead 20...♗a4! looks crushing, since after 21.♗xc6 ♗xb2 22.♗xb4 axb4 White has to return the piece with 23.♗a4 (or 23.♗a2 ♗xc4; or 23.♖xa8 ♖xa8 24.♗b1 ♗xc4 25.0-0 b3) 23...♗xc4 24.♗e2 and Black wins.

21.♗xc6 bxc6

The next few moves see both players attempting to activate their pieces without creating weaknesses.

22.♗e2 ♗e5 23.♙xc5 ♙xc5
24.♙a2 ♖ab8 25.b3 ♙d4 26.♖ac1
c5 27.♖hd1 ♖b4 28.♖d2 ♗d7
29.♗d1 f5

Also possible is 29...a4! although the less committal text allows Black to improve his position before opening the diagonal for White's ♙/a2.

30.♗f2 ♗e5 31.exf5 exf5 32.♗d3 ♖e8?

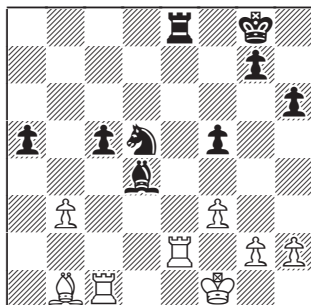
Perhaps frustrated by White's solid defense, Schwartzman overestimates his position and misses a tactical point. Simply 32...♗xd3 maintains Black's advantage after 33.♖xd3 ♖e8+ 34.♗d2. Here Black can still improve his position with ...♗f7-f6 although he of course has to be careful about avoiding most pure opposite colored bishop endings. These tend to be easily drawn by the defender in spite of the pawn minus. An important point after 34...♗f7 is that White cannot enact an exchange of rooks with 35.♖e1? quite yet, since he will be rocked with 35...♙c3+ 36.♖xc3

♖d4+ 37.♖d3 ♖xd3+ 38.♗xd3 ♖xe1 39.b4+ ♗e7 40.bxc5 and Black wins.

33.♗xb4 ♗c6+ 34.♗f1 ♗xb4
35.♙b1

White cannot fight for the e/file right away since 35.♖e1? ♖xe1+ 36.♗xe1 ♙c3; or else 35.♖e2? ♖xe2 36.♗xe2 ♗xa2 both turn out badly.

35...♗d5 36.♖e2!?



In light of the problems White encounters with a ♙/g2 in the next note, he might want to spend a tempo at this moment and try 36.g3!? ♗e3+ 37.♗g1 ♗f7 (but not 37...♗d5+ 38.♗g2 ♗e3? 39.♖e1) 38.♗h1. This maneuver looks ridiculous, but the idea is that White has to remove his king from the influence of Black's ♙/d4 and ♗/e3 before untangling his pieces. Mind you, with the clock ticking it would take a brave man to attempt this regrouping from such a passive position.

36...♗e3+ 37.♖xe3

A very pragmatic decision, and undoubtedly the idea behind 36.♖e2. Instead 37.♗g1?! ♗xg2+ 38.♗f1 ♗e3+ 39.♗e1 ♗f7 leads to a position where the dominant ♙/d4 gives Black an edge.

37...♙xe3 38.♖d1 f4?!

After this Black has nothing. On the other hand, defending ♙/f5 with 38...♖e5 (similarly 38...g6 39.♖d7 again confines Black's king) 39.♖d7 ♗f8 40.♙d3 also hardly looks promising for Black, who has to struggle with finding a way of getting his king off the back rank.

39.♙g6!

Good move. With his king stuck on the back rank and the rook doomed to defending against mating attacks, the position is about equal in spite of Black's extra pawn.

39...♖b8 40.♖d7 ♙d4

Of course Black doesn't allow the silly fork 40...♖xb3? 41.♙f7+.

41.♗e2 ♗h8 42.♗d1 ♙f6 43.♖a7 ♙d8 44.♖f7 ♗g8

Very mysterious why Black doesn't simply repeat with 44...♙f6?

45.♖xf4

Now White can entertain some winning ideas, since his pawn majority gives the first player something tangible to work with.

45...♖b6 46.♙d3 ♙f6 47.♗c2 ♖b7 48.♙g6 ♙e7 49.h4 ♖d7 50.♖e4 ♗f8 51.h5 ♖d8 52.♖a4 ♖a8 53.g4 ♙f6 54.♖e4 ♖d8 55.♖a4 ♖a8 56.♖e4

This sort of seemingly aimless maneuvering is an attempt to depress the opposition, and seen rather more frequently at the Master level than among class players. No one enjoys defending an unbearably passive position for dozens of moves, and so the 'do nothing' in these cases has several pleasant outcomes in mind: sometimes the defender becomes impatient and tries something dubious in a misguided attempt to generate excitement, or perhaps the stress eventually causes an error because 'ghosts' begin to appear in his calculations. And even if the defender holds his ground by matching the opponent's aimless maneuvering, over time his watchfulness might slacken and cause an oversight later in the game.

Of course, implicit in all this is the assumption that there is something that can ultimately be done. Here, with his kingside pawn majority and potential mating threats in hand, White certainly has chances to generate some play.

56...♙g5 57.♖c4 ♙e7 58.♖f4+ ♙f6 59.♖e4 ♙d4 60.♗d3 ♖b8 61.♗c4 ♖c8 62.♗b5?!

White's pieces are optimally placed for the moment, and so Milan might instead concentrate on advancing his kingside pawns with 62.f4 ♖b8 63.g5 hxg5 (after 63...♗g8 64.♖e6 White can try to make gxf6 followed by the advance f5-f6 work) 64.fxg5 ♖b4+ 65.♗d5 ♖b8 66.h6 and reasonable winning chances.

62...♙c3 63.♗b6 ♙f6 64.♗xa5 ♖b8

Cutting off the king, and presenting White with substantial technical

problems. After 65.♖a6 (a stroll in the opposite direction with ♖a4-a3-a2-b1-c2-d3 leads to problems because of ideas involving mate or an exchange of rooks on the a-file once the king reaches a3) 65...♗e7 Black has blocked the back rank mate and threatens to take on b3. Now, for example, after 66.♞e3 ♗g5 67.♞e6 ♗e7 68.♞c6 there may be some way for White to extricate his king, but the dreaded SD/60 time control likely caused White to abandon any such attempt.

½-½.

Notes by
David Ross

**Vukadinov, Milan
Rajlich, V**

Delaware MidWest ch tt, 1996

Kings Indian: Averbakh E73

I met Milan for the first time at the Canadian Open in Windsor, when he joined a student of his and myself in the post mortem of a game we had played earlier that day. Most impressive immediately was how much he enjoyed looking at the various positions – I had employed an unusual plan in the Dutch Defense after 1.d4 f5 2.♗g5 h6 3.♗h4 g5 4.♗g3 ♖f6 5.e3 ♗g7 6.h4 g4!? which he wasn't familiar with and treated rather skeptically! Still, we analyzed for hours, and his assessments were never anything but objective. Afterwards we saw each other from time to time at other tournaments, and I always enjoyed chatting with Milan or looking at an interesting position or two.

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♖c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 0-0 6.♗g5

The Averbakh System in the King's Indian features an attractive mix of positional and attacking ideas.

6...♗a6!?

Black ventures the most modern response, which should eventually equalize although many things can happen first...

7.♞d2 e5 8.d5 c6

The alternative is 8...♗c5.

9.f3 h6?

This little move seems out of place here. GM Smirin likes 9...♞a5 whereas

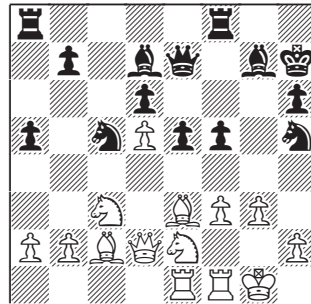
most games in my database continue with 9...cxd5 10.cxd5 ♗d7.

10.♗e3 cxd5 11.cxd5 ♖h5 12.g3 ♖h7 13.♗d3!? f5?

This advance turns out badly, and so Black might instead try something like 13...♗b4 14.♗b1.

14.exf5! gxf5 15.♖ge2 ♖c5

16.♗c2 ♞e7?! 17.0-0 a5 18.♞ae1 ♗d7 19.g4!



Just like that Black is completely busted.

19...♖f6 20.♖g3 e4 21.gxf5 ♞f7 22.fxe4 ♖g4 23.f6 ♞xf6 24.e5+ ♞g6 25.♗xg6+ ♖xg6 26.♞c2+

Nicely done. Black allowed himself a handful of second best moves and was blown off the board.

1-0.

Notes by
Stone & Finegold

**Epishin, Vladimir
Vukadinov, Milan**

Las Vegas National op, 1998

Bogo Indian E16

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♖f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♖c3 ♗b7 7.♗g2 c6

A solid line that may not be a good choice against a technical player like GM Epishin. Slow lines like this one tend to work better against a wild attacking player who might go overboard.

8.♗f4 0-0 9.0-0 d5 10.♖d2

White prepares the central advance e4 but this action results in trades that ease Black's defense.

10...♖bd7

The position after 10...c5!? 11.♖b3 (or else 11.dxc5 ♗xc5 12.♖b3 ♗b4 13.cxd5 ♗xc3 14.bxc3 ♗xd5) 11...♗a6 looks unclear.

11.e4 dxe4

Since the text leaves Black with a long and arduous defense the alternative 11...dxc4! offers Black better chances for active counterplay or equalization. Milan analyzed lines like 12.♖xc4 ♗a6 13.b3 (instead 13.♞a4 ♞c8 14.♞b3 e5 15.dxe5 ♖c5 offers Black good chances) 13...b5 14.♖e3 (or 14.♖e5 ♖xe5 15.dxe5 ♖d7 again with good play) 14...b4 15.♖e2 c5 16.d5 (White is better after 16.♞e1 ♗xe2 17.♞xe2 cxd4 18.♞xd4 e5 19.♗xe5 ♗c5 20.♗xf6! ♗xd4 21.♗xd8 ♗xa1 22.♗e7 ♞fc8 23.♗xb4) 16...e5 17.d6 (not 17.♗g5 ♖xd5) 17...exf4 18.dxe7 ♞xe7 19.gxf4 ♞ac8 (perhaps 19...♗b6!? 20.e5 ♖h5 21.♗xa8 ♞xa8 22.♞e1 ♞h4 23.♖f5 ♞h3) 20.e5 ♖h5 21.♖c4 ♖b6 with some GMs in Las Vegas and concluded that Black should be fine.

12.♖dxe4 ♖xe4 13.♖xe4 ♖f6

14.♞e2 ♖xe4

The d/♗ is poisoned, since 14...♞xd4?? 15.♞ad1 traps Black's queen.

15.♗xe4 ♞d7

The dance takes a little longer this time, but 15...♞xd4 16.♞ad1 ♞c5 17.♞d7 ♗c8 18.♗e3 ♞e5 19.♗d4 proves that the pawn is still immune.

16.♞ad1 ♞fe8 17.♞c2 g6 18.c5

Even though Black's position is solid, White has a clear advantage based on restricting Black's ♗/b7.

18...♗f8 19.♞fe1 ♞ed8 20.h4

Milan said, "Vladimir is in no rush and coolly builds up his position". But better is 20.b4.

20...♗g7 21.♗e5 ♞e7 22.b4 b5

Black preempts any tactical shots based on b5 but leaves himself rather passive on the queenside.

23.♞c3 ♞f8

The threat was 24.♗xg7 ♞xg7 25.d5.

24.a4

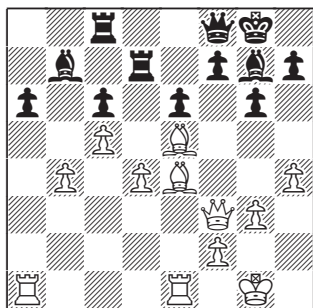
Better is the immediate 24.♞f3 eyeing ♗/c6 and the dark squares.

24...a6 25.♞a1 bxa4

This capture splits Black's queenside pawns, and diverts White's rook from the first rank temporarily. Milan was already looking for a chance to sacrifice for counterplay.

26.♞xa4 ♞d7 27.♞f3 ♗c8

28.♞aa1!?



Necessary instead is 28.♙d3! What is Black's best chance after the text?

28...♞xd4!

Vladimir was shocked by his opponent's excellent practical decision! Black breaks White's grip on the position, and his control of the dark squares provides ample compensation for the exchange.

29.♙xd4 ♙xd4 30.♞ad1 e5 31.♙d3 ♖g7 32.♙c4 ♞c7 33.♞e2 ♞d7

Defending the a/♙ is not in Black's plans, and so he immediately starts active play in the center.

34.♙xa6

Since Epishin has no clear way to improve his position he decides to grab the weak pawn immediately.

34...♙xa6 35.♞xa6 ♖d8!

Suddenly Black has threats, such as 36...♙xf2+! to win back material. This is a great example of Milan's eye for dynamic opportunities.

36.♖g2 ♙c3!

An awkward move for White to meet. The bishop wreaks havoc with White's pawns.

37.♞e2

Epishin tries to return the exchange for a favorable queen ending. The attempt to keep the material by 37.♞xd7 ♞xd7 38.♞e4 f5 39.♞c4 ♖d5+ 40.♞h2 leads to a complex position where Black retains the initiative with ideas like

A) 40...♖d2 (the pin 40...♖d3?! looks dangerous, but White has the upper hand after 41.♞a2) 41.♞xc6 e4 42.♖g2 (Black keeps some tactical chances after 42.♖c7+ ♖g8 43.♞f4 ♖d3 44.♞b8+ ♖g7 45.♞a7+ ♖h6 46.♞a2 f4) 42...e3 43.♖c7+ ♖g8 which looks unclear; or

B) 40...♞f3! 41.♞xc3!? (or 41.♞a2!? f4 42.♖c2 ♙e1) 41...♞xc3 (but not 41...♞xf2+? 42.♞h3 ♖g1 43.♞c2 f4

44.♖d3) 42.♞xc6 e4 43.♖d7+ ♖h6 44.c6 ♖c2 with enough play against the king to keep White from advancing his pawns.

37...♞d5!

Milan remains faithful to his original idea, which is a wise decision given the large advantage White enjoys after 37...♙xe1 38.♞xe5+ ♖g8 39.♞xd7 ♖xd7 40.♞xe1.

38.♞f1 ♙xb4 39.♞xe5+

This neat shot keeps some advantage and forces Milan to defend accurately.

39...♞xe5 40.♞xd8 ♞xc5

The dust has settled and Black finds himself in an endgame with practical drawing chances. Still, how many Masters could hold this position against a top player like Epishin?

41.♞b1 ♞b5

Milan prevents the opposing rooks from doubling on the 7th rank for the moment. It is clear that Black must be very careful about defending f7.

42.♞d7 h5

White's pawns are fixed on the dark squares.

43.♞b3

White does get both rooks to the 7th with 43.♞c7 c5 44.♞d1 ♞b6 45.♞dd7 ♞f6 but it's still not easy to make progress from here.

43...♖f8! 44.♞f3 ♙e7

The point of Black's very subtle previous move.

45.♞e3 ♙b4 46.♞e4 ♞b6 47.♞a7 ♙d6 48.♞ea4 c5 49.♞4a6

Vladimir decides to simplify the position before the combination of rook, bishop and pawn becomes too powerful! The text preserves White's chances.

49...♞xa6 50.♞xa6 ♙e5 51.♖f3

Even without the c/♙ the ending would be difficult to convert for White, but nothing is easy when your opponent is over 2600 FIDE!

51...♙d4 52.♞a2

Black has achieved an optimal defensive position with his bishop strongly anchored in the center, from where it attacks f2 and controls the long diagonal.

52...♙f6 53.♞c2 ♙d4 54.♖e4 ♖e7 55.♖d5 ♖f6 56.♞e2 g5

Milan seeks active play and thereby disrupts White's attempt to methodically exploit his advantage.

57.♖e4

Now the isolated ♙/h4 becomes a target, but the exchange 57.hxg5+ ♖xg5 helps Black activate his king.

57...gxh4 58.gxh4 ♖g6 59.f4 ♙f6 60.♞g2+ ♖h6 61.♞h2 c4 62.♖f5 ♙e7

Keeps ♙/h4 under fire and White's king out of g5.

63.♖e5 c3 64.♞c2 ♙xh4 65.♞xc3 ♖g6 66.♞c6+ ♖g7 67.♞c1 ♙g3 68.♖f5 h4 69.♞f1 ♖h6 70.♞f3

Black's h/♙ is enough to draw after 70.♖f6 ♖h5 71.♖xf7 h3 72.f5 h2 73.f6 ♖g4 74.♖e6 ♙f4.

70...♖g7 71.♖g5 ♙e1 72.♞e3 ♙f2 73.♞d3 ♙g3 74.♞d7

Having made no headway against Milan's determined defense, Vladimir now ends the six hour marathon with a draw offer.

½-½.

Notes by

Stone & Finegold

**Vukadinov, Milan
Feldman, Steve**

Detroit Metro tt, 1975

Queen's Gambit: Tartakower D58

Dr. Steve Feldman is a Michigan Master with a fighting style who has played many tough games against Milan over the years. Milan and Steve liked and respected each other, and their games were always exciting.

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♙e7 5.♙g5 0-0 6.e3 h6 7.♙h4 b6

The Tartakower Variation has been one of the most popular lines in chess for over fifty years.

8.♙e2 ♙b7 9.♙xf6 ♙xf6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.0-0

The main line nowadays is 11.b4. In response, Steve has been known to play the solid and somewhat passive 11...c6 which, however, doesn't really suit his style!

11...♘d7 12.b4 c5 13.bxc5 bxc5 14.♞b3 cxd4 15.♘xd4 ♙xd4!

Steve decides that the knight is too strong, and with the exchange gives the game a drawish character by virtue of the symmetrical pawn

structure that results. White now maintains a slight edge due to his better bishop. Instead 15...♘c5 16.♖b4 ♘c8 17.♗g4 ♗a6 18.♖fd1 (or 18.♗xc8 ♗xf1 19.♗h3 ♗a6 20.♖b7 ♗c4 with an unclear position) 18...♗c7 19.♖ab1 ♗e7 20.♖a5 gives White a small advantage.

16.exd4 ♗b6 17.a4 ♖b8 18.a5 ♗c4

Typical Feldman! Steve gives a pawn for activity instead of venturing 18...♗a8 19.♖fe1 ♗c7 (because 19...♗a6 can now be answered by 20.♖d5) 20.♗f3 ♗a6 when Black intends to put the bishop on c4.

19.♗xc4 dxc4 20.♖xc4 ♖c8

Twelve years later Kasparov varied with 20...♖d6 and reached a level position after 21.♖c5 ♖xc5 22.dxc5 ♖bc8 23.a6 ♗a8 24.♗b5 ♖xc5 25.♗xa7 ♗e4 26.f3 ♖a8 27.fxe4 ♖xa7 28.♖a4 ♖c6 in Karpov–Kasparov, Sevilla Wch (19) 1987!

21.♖d3 ♖g5

Black has sufficient compensation for the pawn, but no more than that. The game should now end in a draw, although later Milan's stubborn defense wears down the opponent.

22.♗e4

White has other tries, but 22.d5 ♖e5 23.♖ac1 ♖c5 24.d6 ♖d8 gives Black active play; while 22.f3 ♖fd8 23.♗e4 ♖d5 transposes back to the game.

22...♖d5 23.f3 ♖fd8

After 23...♖c4 24.♖fd1 ♖d8 25.♗c3 ♖xd4+ 26.♖xd4 ♖cxd4 27.♖xd4 ♖xd4 28.♗b5 ♖d7 29.♗xa7 ♗xf3 White has all the winning chances.

24.a6! ♗c6

Milan's superb judgment at work! The bishop is driven to an awkward square, since 24...♗a8?! 25.♖fc1! preserves ♗/d5 because of Black's weak back rank.

25.♖fd1

White has solidified his extra pawn at the expense of slightly weakening his kingside with 23.f3 but Black has a nice blockade and active pieces to keep the game in the draw zone.

25...♗b5 26.♖e3 ♖c2 27.♗c3 ♖c4

A better way to draw is 27...♖b3!? 28.♖ab1 (Black is not worse after 28.♖dc1 ♖xc1+ 29.♖xc1 ♗xa6; and on 28.♖db1 ♖xc3 29.♖xc3 ♖xc3 30.♖xb5 ♖xd4 the threat of doubling on the seventh rank should hold the position) 28...♖xc3 29.♖xc3 ♖xc3

30.♖xb5 ♖a3 31.♖b7 ♖xa6 32.♖c1 ♖xd4 33.♖c8+ ♗h7 34.♖xf7 ♖dd6 35.♖cc7 ♖g6 36.♖xa7 with equality.

28.♗xb5 ♖xb5 29.♖d2

Better is 29.♖e4 ♖b2 30.f4.

29...♖dc8

Instead 29...♖xd2! 30.♖xd2 ♖c4 wins back the pawn.

30.♖xc2 ♖xc2 31.♖e1 ♖b2?!

In time pressure, both players overlook that it's safe to take the pawn with 31...♖xa6 32.♖e8+ ♗h7 33.♖e4+ (or 33.♖xf7 ♖d3) 33...♖g6.

32.♖e8+ ♗h7 33.♖e4+ g6 34.f4!

Milan has preserved the extra pawn. Black's pressure on the second rank has been neutralized, while Milan prepares to loosen up Black's kingside shelter.

34...♖d2

Perhaps an exchange of rooks with 34...♖c1 is in order. White will have to hide from a lot of checks in the queen ending.

35.f5! gxf5?!

Milan capitalizes beautifully on this error and quickly reaches a winning position. Instead 35...♖xd4+ 36.♖xd4 ♖xd4 37.♖e7 ♖g7 38.fxg6 ♖xg6 39.♖xa7 ♖d6 leads to a rook ending with drawing chances for Black.

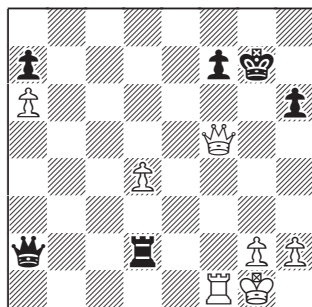
36.♖xf5+ ♖g7 37.♖g4+ ♗h7

38.♖f1 ♗a2

Still in a time scramble, it is understandable that Black rejects 38...♖xd4+ 39.♖xd4 ♖xd4 40.♖xf7+ ♖g6 41.♖xa7 ♖d6 with nearly the same rook ending from the last note. This, however, was his best chance even two pawns down!

39.♖e4+ ♖g7 40.♖e5+ ♗h7

41.♖f5+ ♖g7



How can White coolly improve his position? Quick, the time scramble is still on!

42.♗h1!! ♖xg2?

Hard to see in a time scramble is the improvement 42...♖e6 which keeps Black in the game.

43.♖xf7+! ♗h8 44.♖e8+

Although 44.♖f8+! is faster, the outcome is no longer in doubt.

44...♖g8

White also wins after 44...♖g8 45.♖e5+ ♗h7 46.♖f5+ ♗h8 47.♖f6+ ♗h7 48.♖e7+.

45.♖xg8+ ♖xg8 46.♖f7 ♖a8

With his king cut off on the 8th rank, Black cannot allow White to get a passed a/♗. But after the text his defense is hopeless in view of his totally passive rook.

47.♖g2 ♖g8 48.♖d7 ♖f8 49.♖f3

♖e8 50.♖h7 ♖d8 51.♖h8+ ♖e7

52.♖xd8 ♖xd8 53.♖e4 ♖d7

54.♖d5 1-0.

Notes by

Deen Hergott

**Vukadinov, Milan
Hergott, Deen**

Winnipeg CA op, 1997

Slav: Alapin D17

Regretfully, I had few opportunities to meet Milan, but by all accounts he was intelligent, gentle, and a true lover of the game. Our first meeting came in his home town of Windsor when I was still a junior player. He wasn't playing, but he showed up as a spectator and graciously offered his advice and wisdom. Many years later Milan taught me a sharp lesson in the following game, which was played one round after I held an interesting endgame with Icelandic GM Johan Hjartarson. I looked forward to the second half of the tournament with some promise, but this defeat was a cold, if deserved, shower.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.♗c3 dxc4 5.a4 ♗f5 6.♗e5 e6 7.f3 ♗b4 8.♗xc4

Disappointment set in for two reasons after this move: all of my opening preparation on the ultra sharp piece sacrifice 8.e4 ♗xe4!? would come to nothing, followed by the sinking realization that I hadn't paid much attention to this alternative.

Truth be told, I had added the Slav to my repertoire only a few months earlier, and not yet spent the time to learn the opening completely. So far

this approach hadn't caused me too many problems – learn from your defeats and all that – but this game was a sad exception. Milan made a practical decision to go with a lesser known but reasonable alternative, and I walked headlong into essentially a 'book trap'.

I remember overhearing talk after the game about how shocking it was for IM Hergott to lose to a player 250 rating points below him! Vukadinov, I should point out however, was probably playing chess before I was born, and easily maintained a 2400+ rating south of the border where he frequently played in the Detroit area!

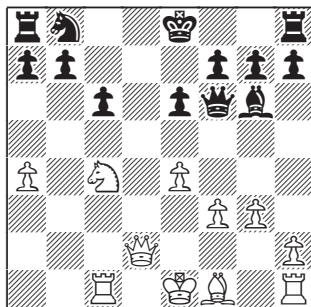
8...d5

More commonly played here is 8...0-0 (or 8...c5) 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗h4 c5.

9.♗d2 ♖h4+?!

Looks innocent enough, but Black's results with this rare alternative to 9...♗b6!? have not been promising. Black should really look at his 8th move alternatives.

10.g3 ♜xd4 11.e3 ♜f6 12.e4 ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♗xc3 14.♖c1 ♗xd2+ 15.♜xd2 ♗g6



The sequence leading up to this position looks more or less forced, but how bad is Black's position here? I knew that White's next would cause some problems, but thought it would be simply an inconvenience.

16.♗d6+ ♜f8 17.♗xb7!

Simple and powerful. Black's queenside is destroyed, and with the d/file open again, Black's 17...♜xf3 is put on hold because of 18.♜d8#.

17...♗d7! 18.♗e2!

But not 18.♜xd7? ♜xf3! with strong threats.

18...♜e7 19.0-0 ♗f6?

This move is the real culprit. After 19...♗b6 or 19...♜g8 Black suffers, but he is not lost. After the text, Black's

pieces make easy targets for White's kingside pawn advances, all while my king position continues to be an insoluble problem.

20.♗a5! c5 21.♜e3 ♖c8 22.♗a6 ♖c7 23.♗b5 ♗d7?

Freeing f8 for the queen with 23...♜g8 is a small improvement, but the position is still a mess.

24.♗c6!

I decided to let Milan revel in his miniature victory rather than play a few extra pointless moves. In some ways I am reminded of another painful Winnipeg memory involving a short and uncharacteristic loss to Abe Yanofsky at the 1986 Canadian Closed! This was a smooth performance by Milan, if a sub par one by yours truly. I won't be repeating this line for a while, and I have him to thank for it! Canada has lost a talented player and, more importantly, a true gentleman.

1-0.

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Vukadinov, Milan
Strugach, L
Detroit tt, 1994

Queen's Indian E19

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 b6 4.g3 ♗a6 5.♜a4 ♗e7?!

According to *ECO* Black's reply is a little dubious. I have tried 5.♜a4 several times myself and never achieved anything after 5...c5. Milan, however, doesn't try to take advantage of Black's move order, and instead opts for a solid middlegame battle with roughly equal chances.

6.♗g2 0-0 7.0-0 ♗b7 8.♗c3 ♗e4 9.♜c2 ♗xc3 10.♜xc3

We have transposed back to a known position, albeit with a loss of tempo for both sides.

10...f5

Most really strong players nowadays prefer 10...c5 although the text or even 10...♗e4 are both totally reasonable continuations.

11.♗e1

Equally valid is 11.d5 (or 11.♖d1) 11...exd5 12.♗e1 ♗f6 13.♜c2 ♗c6.

11...♗xg2 12.♗xg2 ♗f6 13.♜d3!

The best square for the queen, who clearly cannot remain in the firing line of Black's bishop.

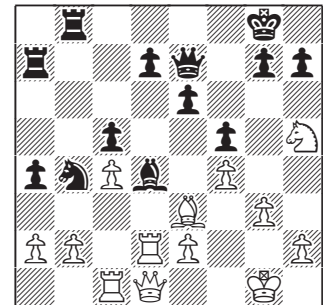
13...♗c6 14.♗e3 ♜e7

Black has no worries at this point, and continues to play strongly.

15.♖ac1 ♗b4 16.♜b3 c5 17.♖fd1 a5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.♖d2 a4! 20.♜d1 ♖a7! 21.♗f4 ♖b8

Instead 21...♗xa2! 22.♖a1 ♗b4 23.♖xa4 ♖xa4 24.♜xa4 d6 looks a little better for Black.

22.♗h5 ♗e5 23.f4 ♗d4



24.♖xd4!

Necessary and sufficient!

24...cxd4 25.♗xd4

White has completely changed the character of the game with his exchange sacrifice, and now benefits from the strength of his ♗/d4 working in harmony with the ♗/h5.

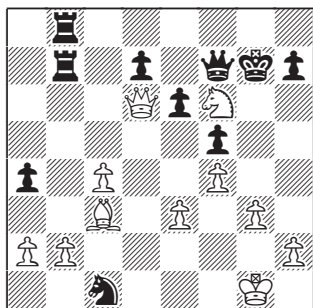
25...♖ab7?

Wrong! But 25...d6! is also met by 26.♗xg7! when White is better.

26.♗xg7 ♜f7 27.e3 ♗d3 28.♗c3?!

More realistic is 28.♜xd3! ♜xh5 29.♗c3 ♖xb2 30.♗xb2 ♖xb2 31.♖c2 ♖xc2 32.♜xc2 ♜f3 with equality. Milan must have felt lucky that day, and so he decides to give a second exchange in order to keep the game alive. Black has a defense, but it is difficult to find!

28...♗xc1 29.♗f6+ ♜f8 30.♜d6+ ♜g7??



Correct is 30...♖e7! 31.♜xh7+ ♜f7
32.♖d1 (or 32.♜g5+ ♜e8 33.♖d1 a3!)
32...♖c5! 33.♖h5+ ♜e7 34.♜f6+ ♜d6

35.♖d1+ ♜c7 36.♖xc1 ♜b4 and Black wins.

31.♜g4+!

And there goes Black's queen!

31...♜g6 32.♜e5+ ♜g7 33.♜xf7+ ♜xf7 34.♖d1 ♜xa2 35.♖h5+ ♜f8
36.♜e5 ♜xb2 37.♜d6+ ♜g8
38.♖g5+ ♜f7 39.♖e7+ ♜g6
40.♖xd7

Geza Fuster was fond of saying "a good player is a lucky player"! And here, too, Milan managed to create the conditions that made it more likely for good fortune to come his way! The Canadian chess landscape

has been diminished by the loss of this fine player and gentleman, and I will miss him.

1-0.

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Across Canada



BC

British Columbia

UBC January Tuesday Night

Peter Broz surprised **Hee Seid** in round one, thus forcing the top seed to execute a perfect Swiss Gambit to seal yet another win at UBC. Meanwhile Peter Devries had a good chance to match Seid, but failed to win in the last round and leaving the U1800 prize money to Geoffrey Ruelland and Jason Feng.

TD/Org/Rep: Lyle Craver

North Vancouver Raising the Roof Active

Vaclav Sladek managed to lure Robert Wilkins and George Kosinski out of retirement and then proceeded to win the event with 4/5. Eduardo Moura and George Kosinski tied for second at 3.5/5.

TD/Org/Rep: Vaclav Sladek



AB

Alberta

Grande Prairie Trumpeter Classic

Twenty players fought tenaciously for the unusually exorbitant first prize of \$500 cash staked at the 20th edition of the Grande Prairie Trumpeter Classic. **John Quiring**, no doubt deserving because of his religious attendance at the event, to everyone's amazement emerged from the lower section with 4.5/5 to win ahead of **Rob Gardner's** 4/5 second place final tally. That left **Tim Pradzinski** to claim top U2000 with 3.5/5 just ahead of David Deimert's

3/5. In the U1850 Section Kris Conner, Wade Caughlin and Brian McDonald all scored 2/5 for a share of first. Thanks to the Edmonton Chess Club, who contributed \$400 to the prize fund on the occasion of our 20th anniversary.

TD: David Ottosen; Org/Rep: Phil Lefkowitz



SK

Saskatchewan

Regina Saskatchewan Open

The 2003 Saskatchewan Open completed the month of April by marking the return of a Provincial Championship event after a hiatus of more than seven long years. Players from two provinces took part, with a substantial contingent arriving from Saskatoon, North Battleford, Canwood and even Edmonton!

10-year-old Keith MacKinnon arrived in a quest for his first CFC rating, needed to qualify for the Canadian Youth Chess Championships later this year in Kapuskasing. The task was accomplished in style, as he posted an impressive 1763 performance rating en route to capturing the U1500 prize. **Jamin Gluckie** returned to competitive chess with a splash, besting his antiquated 1300 rating with a performance worthy of Top U1700 and third place overall.

Edmonton's **Nelson Balbutin** played impressively to score 4/5 for second place, but the undisputed winner was Regina's **John McIntyre**, who held on for the required draw in the final round to post 4.5/5.

The remaining prize winners were Waldemar Friesen and Curtis Materi. Hopefully Saskatchewan chess is now solidly back on the map, with more events planned well before the next seven years are up!

TD/Rep: John McIntyre



ON

Ontario

Dark Horse January Invitational

Joe Dumontelle cruised virtually uncontested into first with 4/4, while newcomers Jack Schmidt and Fred Johnson tied for second at 2.5/4.

Rep: Mavros Whissell

HCCC Knights of the Night Swiss

Two thumbs up for **Zvonko Obrovac**, who scored a perfect 4/4 to become Hamilton City Chess Club's Knights of the Night Champion. Robert Gillanders and Jordan Palmer were next in line at 3/4.

Org: Hamilton City CC; TD: Oscar Lopez; Rep: Marco A. Greco

Ottawa RA Winter Open

IM **Michael Schleifer**, **Miladin Djerkovic** and **Kevin Pacey** divided top honors with identical 4/5 scores in this 60 player EOCA Grand Prix event. **Ozren Nezirovic** was first in the U2150 Section with 3.5/5, followed at 3/5 by Roger Lebrun and Emil Smilovici. In the U1850 Section top spot went to **Colin McGraw** at 4.5/5, followed by Kiel Meyer at 4/5. **Mark Christian** topped the U1600 category at 3.5/5, while Michael Chan finished second at 3/5.

Org/Rep: Michael Holmes

Hamilton City CC President's Choice Swiss

Joe Ellis won the Hamilton City Chess Club's President's Choice Swiss one point ahead of Mikhail Egorov, Alexander Friedman, Bob Gillanders, Kyle Morrison, Konstantin Khayutin, and Mike Vaydin.

TD: Oscar Lopez; Org: Hamilton City CC; Rep: Marco A. Greco

KW Winter Open

A record 93 players attended this year's event, as **Michael Dougherty**,

Hans Jung and **Warrick Rolfe** tied for first in the Open Section. Meanwhile, Michael Buscar and Viktor Chuprys shared the U2100 prize, while David Plaxton, Wylon Wong, Tom McClelland and Ming Liu were on top in the U2000 Section.

In the U1750 Section Justin McDonald and Robert Bzikot shared first place, while the U1700 prize money went to Mark Tripp, William McCarthy and Nathaniel Deshpande. And finally, in the U1400 Section, Kirk Sadler was alone in first place ahead of Andy Maaser, Craig Sadler and Mike McDonald in a share for second.

Rep: *Albert Den-Otter*

Sudbury Dark Horse February Active

Evan Caldbick and **Mavros Whissell** tied for first with 4.5/5, followed by Joe Dumontelle in third with a solid 3/5.

Rep: *Mavros Whissell*

Hamilton Winter Active

Junior superstar, **Michael Buscar**, won the event ahead of Mikhail Egorov, Jura Ochkoos and Frank Pushkedra. The U1850 prize was shared by Bob Gillanders, Zeljko Kitich, Christopher Mallon, and Brian MacLeod.

TD: *Oscar Lopez*; Org: *Hamilton City CC*; Rep: *Marco A. Greco*

Kingston Open

NM **Sebastian Predescu** finished ahead of no less than five strong Masters with 4/5. Half a point behind in second place was Peter Hum and Miladin Djerkovic. In the U1800 Section a number of upsets left **Brian MacDonald** in the lead at 4.5/5 and in front of Brian Murray, Robert Hawley and Ryan Letourneau at 4/5.

Notes by
Frank Dixon

**Hum, Peter
Predescu, Sebastian
Kingston op (5), 2003**

King's Indian: Sämisch E81

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 g6 3.♟c3 ♟g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0

Peter trails the leader by half a point going into the final round, and so picks a sharp setup that involves castling on opposite wings.

6.♟ge2 e5 7.♟g5 c6 8.♟d2 ♟e8 9.0-0-0 ♟bd7 10.d5

Borkovic-Jakovljevic, Becic YU ch tt 1993, continued with 10.♟b1 a5 11.h4 a4 12.h5 ♟a5 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.d5 ♟b8 15.g4 and equality.

10...c5 11.g4 a6 12.♟g3

The continuation 12.h4 b5 13.♟g3 bxc4 14.♟h6 ♟f8 15.h5 ♟h8 16.♟xc4 ♟b8 17.♟dg1 ♟e7 18.♟f5 ♟eb7 19.♟d1 ♟b4 20.♟c2 ♟d7 from the game Steiner-Cuellar, Mar del Plata 1953, left Black with better chances.

12...♟f8!

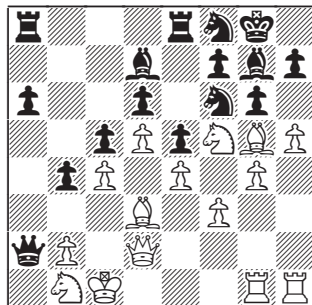
Black's ♟/f8 defends e6, g6, and h7.

13.h4 ♟d7 14.♟d3 ♟a5 15.h5 b5!

Sebastian reacts actively, which is actually a good strategy when a draw is sufficient to clinch the tournament.

16.♟dg1 b4 17.♟b1 ♟xa2

18.♟f5!?



18...♟xf5!

After 18...gxf5?! 19.gxf5 Black is left defending against many potentially deadly threats along the g/file.

19.gxf5 ♟a4!

The queen returns to defensive duty.

20.hxg6 fxg6 21.♟f2 ♟d7 22.♟f1! ♟f7 23.♟h3! a5! 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.♟h4 a4 26.♟h2 ♟h5! 27.♟g4 ♟f4! 28.♟gh1 a3!

Black, a pawn up and with queenside threats of his own, is certainly no worse. Therefore White, now in danger of losing, accepts the draw offer that seals Sebastian's victory.

½-½.

Org: *Rob Hutchison*; TD/Rep: *Frank Dixon*

Ontario InterUniversity Team Challenge

London's University of Western Ontario Chess Club did a great job organizing and hosting the event, and offered me the privilege of serving as TD. A field of a dozen four-player

teams took part, and without exception displayed terrific fighting spirit, sportsmanship and cameraderie! Among the favorites were teams from the University of Waterloo and the University of Toronto, who clashed in a decisive matchup in round three. Toronto took the match 2.5-1.5 and never surrendered their lead until the end of the event. Waterloo finished in second place, while their second team placed third. Plans are underway for next year's event, which will probably be hosted by Waterloo.

Notes by
Frank Dixon

**Tipu, Vincentiu
Glinert, Stephen**

London student tt (3), 2003

Pirc: Classical B08

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♟f6 3.♟c3 g6 4.♟f3 ♟g7 5.♟e2 0-0 6.0-0 ♟g4

Stephen Glinert had an excellent year in 2002, following up on his Canadian Junior title in Winnipeg with the IM title at the Canadian Zonal, and an excellent performance at the World Junior in Goa, India.

7.♟e3 ♟c6 8.h3 ♟xf3 9.♟xf3 e5 10.d5 ♟e7 11.g3 ♟d7 12.♟g2 f5 13.f4

This move appears to be a novelty, with Carlson-Malmgren, Eskilstuna SE ch 1971, continuing instead with 13.exf5 gxf5 (Kizillov-Bews, DE tt 1994, went 13...♟xf5 14.♟d2 ♟f6 15.♟g5 h6 16.♟xf6 ♟xf6 17.♟e4 ♟f7) 14.♟g5 h6 15.♟xe7 ♟xe7 16.g4 fxg4 17.♟xg4 ♟c5. Another possibility is 13.♟d2 ♟b6 14.♟g5 ♟f7 15.a4 a6 16.a5 ♟d7 17.h4 ♟f8 from the game Sizykh-Kadolo, Krasnoyarsk SU Cup 1998. Tipu's idea is similar to other known positions in the King's Indian Defense.

13...exf4 14.♟xf4 ♟c5

More natural is to centralize the knight with 14...♟e5 although White is a bit better. The text covers e6, which White can reach by the knight tour ♟e2-d4-e6.

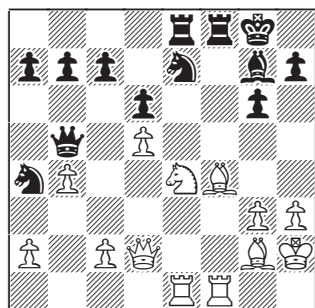
15.♟d2 ♟d7 16.♟ae1 ♟ae8 17.♟h2 fxe4

Black can initiate queenside counterplay with 17...♟a4!

18.b4! ♟a4

White has a clear advantage after
18...d6 19. dxe4

19. dxe4 ♖b5



20. dxd6!? ♖xf1?

Very short of time, Black misses
20...cxd6! 21. dxd6 ♖d7 (if 21...dxc3
22. ♖xf8+! ♖xf8 23. dxb5 dxd2
24. ♖xe7 dxb4 25. ♖xb7 wins)
22. dxe8 dxc3 (another interesting line
is 22...dxe8 23. ♖e3 dxc3 24. ♖e2
dxb4 25. c4 dxc5! 26. ♖f4! dxf5! which
may hold) 23. ♖xf8+ ♖xf8 24. ♖h6+
♗xe8 25. ♖f1 dxf5 26. ♖f4! (threatens
27. g4!) 26...d6! 27. ♖xd6 dxd6
28. a3 dxc4! which may be good
enough for Black. It would have been
nearly impossible to calculate all of
this over the board in time pressure.

21. dxf1!

The bishop gets onto a very active
diagonal with tempo, and this spells
trouble for Black.

21... ♖xd5 22. dxe7! ♖xd2
23. dxd2 dxc3 24. dxb5! c6 25. dxa4
dxd2 26. dxb3+ ♖g7 27. dxf6+ 1-0.

Notes by
Frank Dixon

Ng, Kit
Peredun, Andrew
London student tt (3), 2003
King's Indian: Classical E94

Peredun, who scored a perfect 5/5 on
board three, inflicts Toronto's only loss
during the weekend.

1. d4 d6 2. c4 g6 3. dxc3 d7 4. e4
d6 5. dxf3 0-0 6. dxe2 e5 7. 0-0 exd4

A good practical system. While the
first player retains a small edge,
Black's early exchange avoids the
heavy theory after 7...dxc6 8. d5 dxe7.

8. dxd4 dxe8 9. f3 dxc6 10. dxe3
dxc5 11. ♖d2 f5!?

Not a variation for the faint of heart,
as Black seeks counterplay by some
compromise to his king's position.

12. dxc6 bxc6

Black enjoys a much freer position
here than in the blocked main line

positions, but at the cost of some
structural challenges.

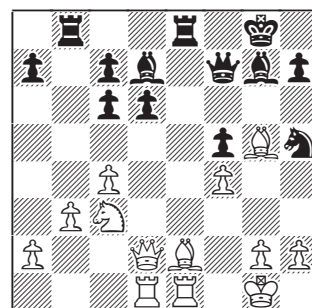
13. d5 ♖d7

According to ChessBase, Black
actually scores a bit over 50 per cent
from this position, and several very
strong players use the variation
occasionally.

14. dfe1

White has tried several more forcing
possibilities here, including 14. exf5
gxf5 15. d3 ♖f7 16. ♖ae1 dxe6
17. dxe3 dxe5 18. f4 d7 19. dxe2 ♖g6
20. d3 d7 from Schneider-Sokolov,
Reykjavik op 1994, which looks about
equal. In Fedorowicz-Sherzer,
Philadelphia op 1996, White was
slightly better after 14. ♖ac1 ♖f7
15. exf5 gxf5 16. f4 d6 17. d3 dxe4
18. dxe4 fxe4 19. f5 e3 20. dxe3 dxf5.
And the aggressive 14. g4 d6 15. gxf5
gxf5 16. ♖h1 ♖h8 17. ♖f2 ♖f7 18. ♖g1
dxe6 was tried in Hrbolka-Novak,
Plzen CS op 1994.

14... ♖f7 15. exf5 gxf5 16. f4 d8!
17. ♖ad1 d7 18. b3



18...h6 19. d4 dxf4! 20. d3 dxe6
21. d2 a5! 22. dxe2 a4

White, perhaps surprised by the
opening variation, has failed to
formulate an effective middlegame
plan. In turn, Black has snatched a
pawn and taken over the initiative on
the queenside.

23. d3 ♖f8 24. ♖c2 axb3 25. axb3
♖f6! 26. d2? ♖c3! 27. dxe3 ♖xc2
28. ♖xc2 f4! 29. ♖xe6 f3 0-1.

Notes by
Frank Dixon

Raheb, David
Pechenkin, Vladimir
London student tt (3), 2003
Scandinavian B01

1. e4 d5

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Pechenkin, a Russian Candidate Master, scored 5/5 on board four, which earned him the nickname 'Vlad the Impaler'!

2.exd5 ♖f6 3.♗f3

White avoids the popular Portuguese Variation after 3.d4 ♗g4.

3... ♗xd5 4.♗e2 g6 5.0-0 ♗g7 6.d4 0-0

Vladimir, who has been an exchange student in Electrical Engineering at the University of Toronto for the past 18 months, comes from the southern Urals region, near the birthplace of GM Anatoly Karpov. He in fact bears a certain physical resemblance to the former World Champion, and drew with him once in a simultaneous game!

7.c4 ♗b6 8.h3 ♗c6 9.d5 ♗e5 10.♗xe5 ♗xe5 11.♗c3 e6

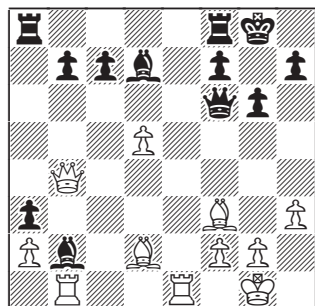
Britain's NM Harman and IM Taulbut, in *Winning with the Scandinavian*, quote Jakovic here, who gives 12.♗h6 ♗e8 as equal. Now Sznapić-Bellon Lopez, Biel op 1990, continued 13.f4 ♗g7 14.♗xg7 ♗xg7 15.♗f3 exd5 16.♗d4+ f6 17.cxd5 c6 18.d6 ♗e6.

ChessBase comes up with ten games from the position after Black's 11th move, with Black scoring an amazing six wins and four draws! One example is Geller-Wade, Havana 1965, which went 12.♗e1 ♗g7 13.♗f4 exd5 14.c5 ♗c4 15.♗xc4 dxc4 16.♗xd8 ♗xd8 17.♗xc7 ♗f8.

12.♗e1 exd5 13.♗xd5 ♗xd5 14.cxd5 ♗f6!

We are now apparently on new ground. Black enjoys the better prospects here, given his play on the a1/h8 diagonal.

15.♗f3 ♗d7 16.♗b3 a5! 17.♗d2 a4 18.♗b4 ♗xb2 19.♗ab1 a3



20.♗c1?

In view of David's time shortage, probably an oversight, although White

does get some chances with the two bishops. Black's technique proves equal to the challenge, however. The alternative 20.♗xb7!? (not 20.♗e7? ♗f5!) 20...♗fb8 21.♗xc7 ♗f5! looks very good for Black.

[White is able to turn the tables on his opponent with 22.d6! Ed.]

20... ♗c3 21.♗f4 ♗xf4 22.♗xf4 ♗xe1 23.♗xe1 ♗fe8 24.♗b1 b5 25.♗xc7 ♗a4! 26.♗d6 ♗c8 27.♗d1 ♗d4 28.♗b3 b4 29.♗e1 ♗b5 30.♗e7 ♗c4

Black was now left with three minutes on the clock, while White, with seconds left, has managed to complicate somewhat.

31.♗e5 ♗xd5!

Vladimir chooses the right moment to return the exchange and simplify into a winning rook endgame. White manages a few more moves before his flag drops.

32.♗xc4 ♗xe5 33.♗xe5 ♗xc4 34.♗b5 ♗c1+ 35.♗h2 ♗c2 36.♗xb4 ♗xf2 37.♗b3 ♗xa2 38.♗g3 ♗g7 39.♗f3 h5 40.g4 hxg4+ 41.hxg4 ♗f6 42.♗e3 ♗e6 43.♗d3 ♗g2 0-1.

Notes by Frank Dixon

Glinert, Stephen
Chu, Stefanie

London student tt (4), 2003

Sicilian: Closed B25

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 ♗c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.d3 d6 6.f4 e5

Stephen is a wizard with this line, even when opponents know it is coming. A major branch here is 6...e6 followed by 7...♗ge7 in order to keep a close eye on f5.

7.♗h3 ♗ge7

NCO recommends 7...exf4 8.♗xf4 ♗ge7 9.0-0 h6 10.♗b1 0-0 11.a3 ♗e6 12.♗e3 ♗e5 13.♗f4 ♗d7 with a slight edge to White in Spassky-Portisch, Geneva ct (13) 1977.

8.0-0 ♗d4 9.f5!? f6!?

NCO gives a slight edge to White after 9...gxf5 10.♗h5 h6 11.♗f2 ♗e6 but Black's choice is playable.

10.♗e2

In Bastian-Liebert, DE BL 1991, White had more than enough for the pawn after 10.g4 h5 11.g5 gxf5 12.exf5

♗xf5 13.gxf6 ♗xf6 14.♗e4 ♗g7 15.c3 ♗dc6 16.♗b3 ♗d7 17.♗hg5 ♗d8.

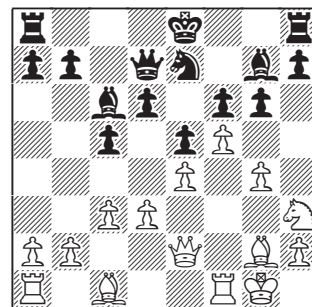
10... ♗d7 11.c3 ♗xe2+ 12.♗xe2 ♗c6?!

Black wants to trade light squared bishops with 13...gxf5 14.exf5 ♗xg2 but this is too slow. Better is the attempt to evacuate the king to the queenside with 12...♗c7! 13.♗e3 0-0 14.b4 gxf5 15.bxc5 dxc5 16.♗fb1 f4 17.♗xf4 ♗h6 and good play for Black in the game Modr-Kupka, Rimavska Sobota CS ch 1974.

13.g4!

White can now meet his opponent's plan with 13...gxf5 14.gxf5 and avoid the bishop exchange.

13... ♗d7



14.g5! gxf5?!

Now White's attack becomes too strong. Black has to give a pawn for king safety with 14...0-0-0 15.fxg6 ♗df8 16.gxh7 ♗xh7 and some prospects for counterplay.

15.gxf6!

A very thematic pawn sacrifice.

15... ♗xf6 16.♗h5+ ♗d8 17.♗f7! ♗h4 18.♗g5! ♗xg5 19.♗xg5 ♗c7 20.♗e6+ ♗b6 21.b4! cxb4 22.cxb4 ♗ag8 23.a4 fxe4 24.♗f2+! 1-0.

Org: Western Chess Club; TD/14ep: Frank Dixon

North Ontario Open

Sudbury's **Bob Kiviahio**, Parry Sound's **Mat Cooke** and Toronto's **Fred Henderson** battled to a tie for first at an undefeated 4/5, while Joe Dumontelle played cleverly to win the U2000 prize at 3.5/5. Meanwhile Mavros Whissell took the U1800 prize with 3/5, and Vedran Dukic returned from out of nowhere to claim the U1650 prize at 3/5. The surprise of the event, however, was Kapuskasing's Gabrielle Nadeau, who won the U1400 Section with a

powerful 3/5, defeating opposition rated more than 500 higher!

A smaller turnout in the junior section saw Corbeil's **Melissa Darbyson** and Kapuskasing's **Jeremie Nadeau** tie for first with excellent scores of 3/4, followed by **Emmanuel Nadeau** in third with 2/4.

Notes by

Fred Henderson

Henderson, Fred
Kiviahio, Robert

Sudbury North Ontario op (3),
2003

King's Indian E67

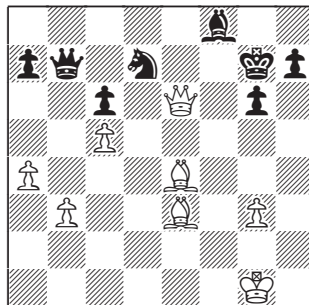
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♘g7 4.♘g2
0-0 5.♘f3 d6 6.0-0 ♘bd7 7.♗c2 c6
8.♞d1 ♗c7 9.♘c3 e5 10.h3 ♞e8
11.e4 b5 12.dxe5 ♘xe5 13.♘xe5
dxe5 14.c5 ♘e6 15.♘e3 b4 16.♘a4
♞ad8 17.b3 ♞xd1+ 18.♞xd1 ♞d8
19.♞xd8+ ♗xd8 20.♘b2 ♗a5
21.♘d3 ♘d7 22.♘d2 ♘f8
23.♘xb4 ♗b5 24.♘f1 ♗b8
25.♘d2 f5 26.♘g2 ♗b5 27.♘e3
fxe4 28.♘xe4 ♘xh3 29.a4 ♗b7
30.♗c4+ ♗g7 31.f4

Very dangerous looks 31.♘xe5 ♘xe5
32.♘d4.

31...exf4 32.♘xf4 ♘g4 33.♘e6+?!

White allows a simplification that makes conversion of his advantage very difficult, particularly in the upcoming time pressure period.

33...♘xe6 34.♗xe6



34...♘xc5 35.♘xc5 ♘xc5 36.♗e5+
♗g8 37.♗xc5 ♗xb3 38.♘xc6
♗xg3+ 39.♗f1 ♗d3+ 40.♗e1
♗b1+ 41.♗d2 ♗b8 42.♘d5+ ♗g7
43.♗d4+ ♗h6 44.♗h4+ ♗g7
45.♗e7+ ♗h6 46.♗h4+ 1/2-1/2.

Rep: Mavros Whissell

Peterborough YMCA CC Championship

Vladimir Epov took top spot half a point ahead of **Mike Beatty**.

TD/Rep: Wayne Vandervoort

Hamilton Spring Forward Active

Jura Ochkoos went undefeated to take first prize ahead of **Mikhail Egorov**, while Alexander Friedman, Rodney Li Kam Wa and Zvonko Obrovac shared third place.

TD: Oscar Lopez; Org: Hamilton CC;
Rep: Marco A. Greco

Hamilton City CC Pawn March

Alexander Friedman marched through the field unscathed en route to a perfect score and first place ahead of Kyle Morrison and Al Fabris. In the U1800 Section **Joseph Kollarich** was the top finisher in front of Dan Grinbergs, Leon Apel and R. F. Puschke.

TD: Oscar Lopez; Org: Hamilton CC;
Rep: Marco A. Greco

Ottawa RA Centre Spring Open

This year's event attracted 54 players in one section, but also offered a prize for the Top U1800 category. **Ozren**



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Nezirovic posted an outstanding 5/5 final score, which included an important win over top seed, and hitherto undefeated, Mohammad Al-Rayyan. Second place went to **Roger Lebrun** at 4.5/5, while Mohammad Al-Rayyan and Mateusz Dydak split third at 4/5. Mike Schofield and Ron Brice also put in solid performances.

Meanwhile Mark Christian, Lloyd Mai, Michael Yuan and David MacNevin shared the U1800 prize money. A special note of thanks goes out to Herb and Valerie Langer as well as Michael Holmes for their invaluable assistance!

TD/Rep: Jerome Chyurlia

Toronto Class Championships

With groups of six competitors matched closely by rating, competition in each section was fierce. The leisurely time control of G/180 allowed everyone to show his best game, and feedback in general on the event's format was quite positive. In the lower sections the round robin format can be problematic because of players wanting byes for certain rounds, but in the FIDE section proved to be an excellent choice with a challenging mix of experienced players and promising juniors.

In the top two sections **Igor Divljan** and 13-year-old **Zhe Quan** scored 3.5/5 and 4.5/5 respectively for first place. Quan's result is particularly impressive, as it earned him a 2500+ performance rating against tough opposition after some tense defensive games.

The other section winners were NM **Charlie Tang** at 4.5/5, **Fred Henderson** and **Walter Chan** at 3.5/5, **Inigo Assaripallan** and **Robert Kubik** at a perfect 5/5, and **Alfonso Cheng** at 3.5/5.

Many thanks to Lisette Lu, Jaco Uwland and David Filipovich for their advice and support.

TD/Rep: David Cohen

Sudbury Fall Open

Young prospect **Dean Tester** won a playoff over veteran **Bob Kiviaho** after the two finished in a tie for first at 4/5. Kiviaho did retain his Sudbury Championship title by virtue of being the top finisher from this corner of the province, but to the surprise of everyone it was the virtually

unknown Evan Caldbick who followed closely behind in second place!

Rep: Bob Kiviaho

Kitchener KW Sunday Afternoon Active #1

Held in conjunction with a series of lectures by NM Hans Jung, this event format proved to be highly popular among the participants. In the end **Dan Wagner**, **Don Gareau** and **Doug Hoch** shared top spot at 3.5/5.

TD/Rep: Tim Knechtel

Kitchener KW Game in One Championship

For those who lament the marathon struggle of a three day event, Kitchener's fast growing Game in One Championship may just be the right ticket! Hosted at the Chess for Kids Centre on the border of twin cities Kitchener and Waterloo, the event features a five round CFC-rated tournament, all played in a single day at a time control of no more than two hours per game. The total playing time resembles that of a regular tournament, but without the time investment of an entire weekend.

23 players battled it out on Saturday, with FM **Alvarion Garcia** taking first place at 4.5/5 after a hard fought victory over FM **Robert Hamilton**, who finished in second at 4/5. In the U2000 Section **Alex Friedman** came out of nowhere to score an impressive 4/5, while Andre Zybura and Hugh Siddeley followed in a share of second ahead of Tim Knechtel and Ron LeBlanc.

TD/Org/Rep: Chris Heringer

Peel Invitational

Ron LeBlanc led by half a point before the last round, and secured tournament victory with a win over Neil McLeod. The event also produced the following lively encounter between two long time chess friends.

Notes by
John Brown

**Franke, Raymond
Brown, John**

Peel Invitational (5), 2003

French C00

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.♟d2 c6

Much more forceful is 3...c5.

4.g3 h5

An unusual experiment for a player like myself.

5.♟g2 h4

More accurate is 5...♟d7.

6.e5 hxg3 7.hxg3 ♜xh1 8.♟xh1
♜h6 9.♟f1 ♟f5 10.♟d2 ♜b6

Now Black enjoys some counterplay on the queenside.

11.♜c1 ♟d7 12.♟f3 ♟c5 13.♟e3
♟d4 14.♟d2

Although White looks solid, Black now goes for a sacrifice to mix things up.

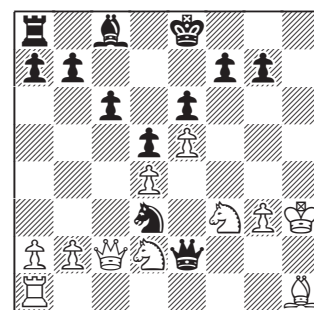
14...♟xc2+ 15.♜xc2 ♟xe3 16.fxe3
♜xe3+ 17.♜f1

Instead 17.♜d1 ties up White's forces.

17...♟c5

But not 17...♟xe5? 18.♜e1 and Black loses material.

18.d4 ♟d3 19.♜g2 ♜e2+ 20.♜h3



20...♟f2+

Black needs a knockout punch, but lines such as 20...g5 21.♟xg5 ♟f2+ 22.♜h2 ♟g4+ 23.♜h3 ♜h2+ (but 23...♟f2+ is good enough to draw) 24.♜xg4 f5+ 25.exf6 e5+ 26.♜f3 ♜h5+ 27.♜f2 ♜xg5 seem to indicate that White's defense holds.

21.♜h4 g5+ 22.♜xg5 ♟d7 23.♜e1
♟e4+ 24.♜f4 ♜f2 25.♜g1 ♜e2
26.♜e1 ♜f2 27.♜g1 ♜e2 28.♜g2
♜a6

White is now clearly better, and quickly gains control of the position.

29.♟xe4 dxe4 30.♜xe4 ♜xa2
31.♜h7 0-0-0 32.♜c2 f5 33.b3
♜a3 34.♜h2 ♜f8 35.♜c5 ♜g7
36.♜xa7 ♜g8 37.♜a8+ ♜c7
38.♜a5+ b6

Here 38...♜b8? 39.♜a2 leads to mate.

39.♜a7+ ♜d8 40.♜b8+ ♜e7
41.♜d6+ ♜e8 42.♜b8+ ♜f7
43.♜c7 ♜g4+ 44.♜e3 ♜e4+
45.♜d2 f4 46.♟g5+ ♜xg5
47.♜xd7+ 1-0.

TD/Rep: John Brown

Niagara Falls GHCL Open

The 2nd Annual Golden Horseshoe Chess League Open attracted 29 players, who watched FM **Frank Pushkedra** coast into first place with an unscathed 5/5, followed by Keith Wight, Jura Ochkoos and Hans Jung in a tie for second at 4/5. **Hazel Smith** won the U2000 Section, **Evan Chan** the U1600 Section, **Ken Kung** the Top Unrated prize, and **Justin McDonald** the Top Junior prize. Patrick McDonald helped with the pairings, and Drew Ward extended his hospitality at the Shriner's Club. Thank you!

TD/Org/Rep: John Erickson

Kingston Queen's University Championship

The combination that wins the following encounter is quite attractive.

Notes by
Frank Dixon

Grant, David
Lambruschini, Alex

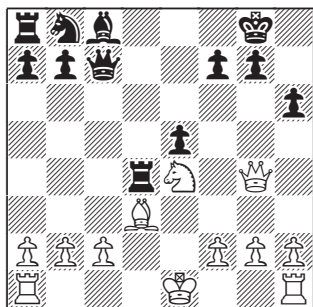
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French: Classical C11

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♟c3 ♟f6 4.♟f3?!
dxe4 5.♟g5 c5

The best way to refute White's unusual idea seems to be 5...♟b4! 6.♟d2 ♟xd4 7.♟b5 ♟xd2+ 8.♟xd2 ♟xd2+ 9.♟xd2 ♟a6 when Black keeps the extra pawn.

6.♟cxe4 ♟e7 7.♟e3 ♟c7 8.♟d3 0-0 9.♟xc5 ♟d8 10.♟ce4 h6 11.♟xf6+ ♟xf6 12.♟e4 ♟xd4 13.♟xd4 ♟xd4 14.♟g4! e5?



Logical enough, but Black has missed a threat.

15.♟f6+! ♟h8?

The only way to stay in the game is 15...♟f8 16.♟xg7+! ♟e7.

16.♟xg7+! ♟xg7 17.♟e8+ ♟f8

18.♟xc7 ♟e7 19.0-0-0 ♟d8
20.♟xa8 ♟c6 21.♟b5 1-0.

Rep: Frank Dixon

Toronto Senior Championship

The Bradgate Arms Senior Home once again provided the beautiful venue, in an event marked this year by a number of upsets. **Chris Takov** prevailed over Jesus Vera in the decisive game, while Richard Tursman and Milan Zagar also took home trophies.

Rep: Martin Jaeger

London Closed

This year's event proved to be a competitive one, ending with **David Jackson** deservedly in top spot with a score of 5.5/8. Jay Zendrowski and Carl Ehrman followed half a point behind the leader, while Steve Demmery overcame a disastrous start to finish in fourth. Angelo Fragakos made his debut appearance in the top section this time, and will be remembered for leaving his mark on the final standings with a draw against Zendrowski in round four.

Notes by

Jay Zendrowski

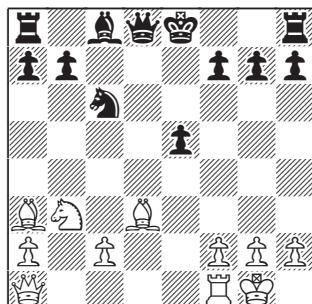
Jackson, David
Zendrowski, Jay
London Closed

Sicilian: Sveshnikov B33

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 ♟c6 3.d4 cxd4
4.♟xd4 ♟f6 5.♟c3 e5 6.♟b3?!
6...♟b4 7.♟d3 d5 8.exd5 ♟xd5
9.0-0!

An invention of Jackson's that holds a tremendous amount of shock value!

9...♟xc3 10.bxc3 ♟xc3 11.♟a3!
♟xa1 12.♟xa1



The critical position. In exchange for the material White has kept the opponent's king in the center, and now hopes to attack by opening more files and diagonals with moves like f4 and ♟e1.

12...♟d4?

Black tries to take control of d4 by exchanging the opponent's ♟b3 but this idea is too slow.

13.f4 ♟e6

Unfortunately 13...♟xb3 runs into 14.♟xe5+ (of course not the obvious 14.axb3 ♟d4+) 14...♟e6 15.♟b5+ when Black can resign.

13...♟e6 14.fxe6?

Much better to increase the pressure on the e/file with 14.♟e1.

14...♟b3 15.♟b5+ ♟d7 16.♟xd7+ ♟xd7 17.axb5 ♟d8

Castling is not a serious option in view of 17.0-0-0 18.♟d6 when 18...a6 (not 18...b6 19.♟a6+ ♟b7 20.♟c4+ ♟d7 21.♟xf7+) 19.♟c3+ ♟c6 leaves White with the option 20.♟xc6+ bxc6 21.♟xf7 or 19.♟h3+ and at least a draw.

18.♟d6

Black will likely have to return the exchange in order to rid his position of this monster.

18...a6 19.c4 h5 20.c5 ♟g4

I had planned 20...♟h6 intending to sacrifice on d6 but now realized that 21.e6! wins handily for White.

21.♟c3 ♟h6

Finally!

22.h3 ♟g5

The queen needs to keep an eye on g7 just in case White tries the e6 tactic at some uncomfortable moment.

23.c6 bxc6 24.♟xc6 ♟d7 25.♟xa6

Jackson felt that White's winning chances after 25...♟hxd6 26.exd6 ♟c5+ 27.♟h1 ♟xd6 were minimal, and so his draw offer sealed a one point lead over the field going into the second half of the event.

½-½.

Rep: Jay Zendrowski

Toronto Open

Irakli Vadachkoriya and **Morgan Mills** shared first place with 4.5/6, followed closely by Inigo Assaripallam, Fred Henderson, and

Ross Richardson in third at 4/6. Also at 4/6 were class prize winners Martin Maister in the U1800, Jonathan Tayar in the U1600, and Brendan Fan together with Jonathan Hyman in the U1500 with 3.5/6. Zak Hutsul scored 2/6 to win the U1400/UNR Section.
 TD/Org/Rep: David Cohen

John Morrison Memorial

Four six-player FIDE rated Round Robin events lured most of the strong players away from the Toronto Open. The winners were **Jura Ochkoos** at 4.5/5, **Yuri Aronov** at 4.5/5, **Michael Buscar** in a tie with **David Southam** and **Shiyam Thavandiran** at 3.5/5, and finally **Steve Demmery** at 4.5/5. The event was named after John S. Morrison, who won or tied for first six times in the Canadian Championship, and played on top board for Canada at the 1939 Olympiad.

TD/Org/Rep: David Cohen



NB

New Brunswick

Fredericton Snowflea V

Robert Larmer won the event with 4.5/5, while second place went to **Abdul Bari** at 4/5. Gene and Brad Butland tied for top U1600 with 3/5, while Karen Stote won the prize for Best Female.

TD/Org/Rep: Chris Maund



NS

Nova Scotia

Halifax Bluenose CC Championship

Alvah Mayo and **Jose Gonzalez** topped a field of 35 participants with matching scores of 4.5/5, while Justin

Gulati and David Kenney followed in a tie for third at 4/5. **Mike McGillvary** took the U1700 Section ahead of Harold Uuetoa. **Steve McLeod** and **Paulo Ferreira** tied for first in the U1500 Section, and **Alex Livingston** captured the Top Junior trophy.

Rep: Danny MacNeill



PE

Prince Edward Island

Charlottetown Sirenella Active

Anthony Howarth captured this year's Sirenella Active ahead of fellow competitors Justin Gulati and Fred McKim. The event generally proves to be one of the best attended tournaments of the year, and rumor has it that the hospitality and great food by our host Italo Marzari and his restaurant is responsible! The remaining class prizes were captured by Scott Landry, Italo Marzari and Aman Hambleton.

TD/Org/Rep: Fred McKim



NF

Newfoundland

Conception Bay South Winter Knights

Twenty-one souls braved the worst of the Newfoundland winter to play in this event. **Steve Martin** scored a perfect 4/4, while second place went to **Ryne King** at 3.5/4 and Romeo Hagi in third with 3/4. Among the top junior players were Ryne King and Scott Ormsby.

TD/Rep: Jim Duffett

St. John's Christmas Open

This year the merging of our traditional Christmas Open with the

Newfoundland Junior Championship produced an unusually competitive event, which ultimate saw newcomer **Serge Sadov** take top spot with 4.5/5. Serge recently arrived in Newfoundland from Manitoba. **Michael Watson**, **Edwin Tsui** and veteran **Jim Duffett** finished in a tie for second at 3.5/5.

The playoff for our Junior Trophy was won by **Michael Watson** over Edward Tsui. Alick Tsui, meanwhile, won the Best Performance award in the Open Section, while Ryne King did the same in the Junior Section.

Notes by

Serge Sadov

**Watson, Michael
Sadov, Serge**

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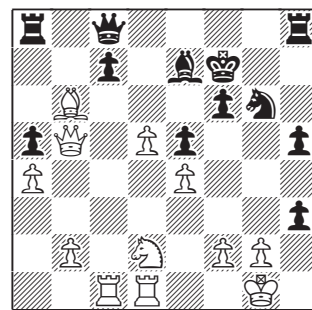
Ruy Lopez: Exchange C68

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6
4.♙xc6 dxc6 5.0-0 ♙g4 6.h3 ♙xf3
7.♗xf3 ♗d7 8.d3 f6 9.♙e3 h5
10.♘d2 g5 11.♗e2 c5 12.♘b3 b6
13.c3 a5 14.a4 ♗e6 15.♙fd1 ♘e7

Or 15...♗xb3 16.c4.

16.♘d2 ♘g6 17.d4 cxd4 18.cxd4
g4 19.♗b5+ ♗f7?! 20.d5! ♗c8
21.♙ac1 gxh3 22.♙xb6 ♙e7?

Better is 22...♗g4!



23.d6?

White has to try 23.g3! ♗g4 24.♙xc7 ♙b4!!; or else 23.f3 hxg2 (perhaps 23...♗g8?).

23...♗g4 24.♗b3+ ♗g7 25.♗xh3
♙xd6 26.♗xg4 hxg4 27.♙xc7
♘f4! 28.♙e1 ♙ac8 29.g3 ♘h3+
30.♗g2 ♙xc7 31.♙c6 ♙b8
32.♙ec1 ♙cd8 33.♘b3 ♘g5
34.♘xa5 ♙d4 35.♙c8 ♙xa4
36.♙xh8 ♗xh8 37.♙c8+ ♗g7
38.♘c6 ♙d6 0-1.

Rep: Alick Tsui

Top Rating Lists

These lists include current members that have been rated in a CFC event within the last twelve months

Top Canadians

1. Lesiege, Alexandre	QC	2603
2. Tyomkin, Dimitri	ON	2530
3. Linskiy, Oleg	QC	2487
4. Zugic, Igor	ON	2476
5. Cummings, David	ON	2475
6. Hergott, Deen	ON	2475
7. Hebert, Jean	QC	2471
8. Charbonneau, Pascal	QC	2466
9. Bluvshstein, Mark	ON	2465
10. Nickoloff, Bryon	ON	2462
11. Ivanov, Igor	QC	2429
12. Yoos, John C.	BC	2426
13. Hartman, Brian	ON	2419
14. Livshits, Ron	ON	2417
15. Glinert, Stephen	ON	2410
16. Milicevic, Goran	ON	2405
17. Hamilton, Robert	ON	2395
18. Schleifer, Michael	QC	2392
19. Allan, Denis	ON	2381
20. Day, Lawrence	ON	2380
21. Reeve, Jeff	AB	2379
22. Findlay, Ian	ON	2376
23. Duong, Thanh Nha	QC	2374
24. Olszewski, Piotr	ON	2364
25. Dougherty, Michael	ON	2343
26. Al-Rayyan, Mohammad	ON	2336
27. Mikanovic, Goran	QC	2334
28. Harper, Bruce	BC	2333
29. Pushkedra, Frank	ON	2332
30. Berry, Jonathan	BC	2331
31. Ristovic, Nenad	AB	2328
32. Ochkoos, Jura	ON	2327
33. Tipu, Vincentiu	ON	2319
34. Divljan, Igor	ON	2316
35. Gansvind, Valeriya	BC	2316
36. Filipovich, David	ON	2309
37. Scoones, Dan	BC	2308
38. Garcia, Alvaro	ON	2305
39. Neven, Knut	AB	2305
40. Saleh, Maher	ON	2300
41. Barclay, Wayne	ON	2298
42. Moffat, Andrei	ON	2298
43. Valdizon, Armando	ON	2298
44. Howarth, Anthony	PE	2296
45. Peredun, Andrew	ON	2295
46. Vlaovic, George	MB	2292
47. Adam, Valerian	BC	2292
48. Kiviahio, Robert	ON	2285
49. Huber, Gregory	AB	2283
50. Pacey, Kevin	ON	2282
51. Lipnowski, Irwin	MB	2276
52. Morin, Glenn	BC	2276
53. Wang, Haoyuan David	ON	2275
54. Predescu, Sebastian	ON	2273
55. Bailey, Doug	ON	2273
56. Djerkovic, Miladin	ON	2267
57. Krupka, David	ON	2262
58. Hecat, Kevork	ON	2261
59. Zubac, Marius	ON	2258
60. Roussel-Roozmon, T	QC	2258

Top FIDE

1. Lesiege, Alexandre	QC	2528
2. Spraggett, Kevin	ON	2526

3. Tyomkin, Dimitri	ON	2477
4. Teplitsky, Yan	ON	2474
5. Zugic, Igor	ON	2455
6. Bluvshstein, Mark	ON	2451
7. Charbonneau, Pascal	QC	2445
8. Ivanov, Igor	QC	2438
9. Linskiy, Oleg	QC	2424
10. Suttles, Duncan	BC	2420
11. Pelts, Roman	ON	2417
12. Hebert, Jean	QC	2417
13. Nickoloff, Bryon	ON	2413
14. Hartman, Brian	ON	2405
15. Schulte, Oliver	BC	2397
16. Hergott, Deen	ON	2385
17. Cummings, David	ON	2377
18. O'Donnell, Tom	ON	2367
19. Glinert, Stephen	ON	2362
20. Yoos, John C.	BC	2361
21. Milicevic, Goran	ON	2361
22. Schleifer, Michael	QC	2356
23. Amos, Bruce	ON	2355
24. Livshits, Ron	ON	2344
25. Piasetski, Leon	BC	2337
26. Harper, Bruce	BC	2336
27. Coudari, Camille	QC	2325
28. Findlay, Ian	ON	2325
29. Stone, Raymond	ON	2321
30. Vranesic, Zvonko	ON	2320

Top Women

1. Gansvind, Valeriya	BC	2316
2. Belc, Daniela	ON	2103
3. Kagramanov, Dina	ON	2065
4. Charbonneau, Anne-Marie	QC	2061
5. Khaziyeve, Dinara	QC	2015
6. Sviridovitch, Alina	ON	1941
7. Wang, Yamei	BC	1928
8. Smith, Hazel	ON	1896
9. Rodina, Nataliya	ON	1888
10. Goutor, Valentina	BC	1795

Top 19&20

1. Charbonneau, Pascal	20	QC	2466
2. Glinert, Stephen	19	ON	2410
3. Hecat, Kevork	20	ON	2261
4. Rolfe, Warrick	19	ON	2237
5. Tang, Charlie	19	ON	2236
6. Raheb, David	20	ON	2231
7. Lawson, Eric	19	QC	2227
8. Masse, Hugues	20	QC	2204
9. Henson, Joshua	20	MB	2154
10. Lipnowski, Samuel	19	MB	2135

Top 17&18

1. Divljan, Igor	17	ON	2316
2. Wang, Haoyuan David	17	ON	2275
3. Kapadia, Ronak	18	NB	2174
4. Lentini, Joseph	18	ON	2123
5. Kagramanov, Dina	17	ON	2065
6. Charbonneau, AM	18	QC	2061
7. Ng, Gary	17	NS	2034
8. Khaziyeve, Dinara	17	QC	2015
9. Cooke, Mathew G	18	ON	2003
10. Srinivasan, Gajana	17	ON	1972
11. Lipnowski, Michael	17	MB	1972

Top 15&16

1. Bluvshstein, Mark	15	ON	2465
2. Predescu, Sebastian	15	ON	2273
3. Roussel-Roozmon, T	15	QC	2258
4. Krnan, Tomas	15	ON	2248
5. Stevens, Christian	16	ON	2218
6. Meng, Fanhao	15	BC	2211
7. Buscar, Michael	16	ON	2117
8. Tester, Dean	16	ON	1995
9. Leung, Victor	15	ON	1974
10. Davies, Lucas	15	BC	1962

Top 13&14

1. Panjwani, Raja	13	ON	2110
2. Peng, David	14	ON	1994
3. Vincent, Trevor	13	MB	1981
4. Pauric, Allen	14	ON	1962
5. Vadachkoria, Irakli	13	ON	1915
6. Khayutin, Konstantin	14	ON	1877
7. Jacobs, Chaim-Akiva	13	ON	1825
8. Goutor, Valentina	14	BC	1795
9. Cuevas, Vincent	13	ON	1766
10. Dinca, Cornelia	14	AB	1751

Top 11&12

1. Noritsyn, Nikolay	12	ON	2158
2. Thavandiran, Shiyam	11	ON	1967
3. Eshleman, Brandon	12	AB	1948
4. Sviridovitch, Alina	11	ON	1903
5. Smith, Hazel	12	ON	1902
6. Kaminski, Victor	12	AB	1901
7. Hier, David	12	ON	1791
8. McDonald, Justin	12	ON	1763
9. Davies, Noam	12	BC	1757
10. Pauric, Denis	12	ON	1642

Top 10&Under

1. Mai, Lloyd	10	ON	1595
2. Yuan, Yuanling	9	ON	1548
3. Kaminski, Thomas	8	AB	1510
4. Yam, Richard	10	ON	1478
5. Fan, Brendan	10	ON	1468
6. Raymer, Elliot	10	BC	1316
7. Katunar, Chad	10	BC	1293
8. Szalay, Karoly	10	ON	1270
9. Chow, Thomas	10	BC	1220
10. Andronache, Daniel	10	ON	1192

Top Active Ratings

1. Cummings, David	ON	2410
2. McTavish, David	ON	2357
3. Findlay, Ian	ON	2354
4. Ochkoos, Jura	ON	2309
5. Bluvshstein, Mark	ON	2301
6. Pushkedra, Frank	ON	2290
7. Kiviahio, Robert	ON	2289
8. Jung, Hans	ON	2249
9. Devenport, Martin	ON	2241
10. Oszvald, Joe	BC	2234
11. Glinert, Stephen	ON	2234
12. Valdizon, Armando	ON	2234
13. Pacey, Kevin	ON	2233

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CFC# column contains the player's CFC number. **Name** column has the player's Last, First name. **Rtng** column has the member's current rating. If the rating is xxxx, then the person has an expired membership. **High** column gives the highest rating we have on file for this member. A number less than 25 indicates that the member has a provisional rating and it indicates the number of games he/she has played.

Regular Ratings

Alberta				
CFC#	Name	Rtng	High	
124059	Adolph, Joel	1809	1809	
123306	Anderson, Ashton	1946	1946	
105243	Asquith, Tom	1664	1695	
133890	Baser, Arthur	1153	1153	
126141	Bebee, Greg	1747	1767	
108846	Beesley, Scott	1788	1825	
103433	Bentley, Bill	1822	2001	
106441	Biomsson, Yngvi	2102	2101	
135545	Blair, Adam	xxxx	2	
106248	Boehmer, Kris	2006	2207	
131279	Boik, Andrew	1816	1816	
135546	Brewer, Andreas	xxxx	2	
134314	Cacho, Billy	1961	1985	
135250	Canas, Manuel	1253	5	
136402	Canette, Tim	1250	4	
129419	Chen, Mark	1551	1551	
128890	Chapman, James	1602	1651	
126292	Chi, Jonathan	1816	1816	
106301	Chi, Megan	1408	1408	
125598	Chi, Charlie	1137	1137	
130015	Cho, Mark	1298	7	
112570	Clark, Chris	1506	1538	
131276	Climenah, Harold	1848	1995	
132492	Conner, Kris	1572	1572	
135032	Cripps, Richard	1726	12	
133657	Cu, Maylin	1867	1867	
133991	Culaga, Nikola	1846	1846	
133893	Culaga, Marko	1068	23	
106606	Daniluk, Jim	1969	2193	
132855	Dauphinais, Paul	1865	1865	
106618	Davies, Robert	1748	1748	
107487	Dav, Jonathan	1717	1937	
121149	Dean, Tim	1705	1963	
106163	Deimert, Eloy	1599	1783	
123550	Deimert, David	1672	1672	
108124	Dewindt, Bob	1813	1813	
131383	Dica, Cornelia	1751	1771	
101652	Doll, Gary J.	1426	1441	
134992	Dougherty, Luther	1364	15	
106324	Duval, Kirk	xxxx	203	
121130	Eshleman, Brandon	1982	1983	
121620	Eshleman, Lucas	1186	1261	
133959	Fokkema, Jared	1334	1339	
133895	Gagnon, Joel	1712	1722	
103323	Gardner, Robert J.	2254	2328	
107634	Ghazi, Mohamed	1548	1548	
106347	Gonzales, Iran	1818	1818	
109051	Groen, Sasha	2180	2276	
112476	Haesael, David	2207	2310	
103209	Harris, Stephen	1994	1998	
124245	Haynes, Nicholas	1948	1948	
106102	Hinds, Dr. Ronald	2027	2109	
135544	Holmstrom, Brent	1705	7	
109674	Hugh, Gregory	2232	2386	
109502	Hughes, Micah	1313	2207	
122655	Hutchings, Tony	1782	1805	
110040	Huyson, Dean	1616	1634	
130786	Kaminski, Thomas	1510	1510	
127461	Kaminski, Victor	1907	1907	
107385	Karmali, Hafiz	2102	2196	
122426	Kazakevich, Alexander	1680	1794	
121625	Kazakevich, Anastasia	1762	1841	
130382	Kazmaier, Daniel	1950	1950	
103533	Kiss, John	1213	10	
135988	Kornilo, Ivan	1671	10	
135931	Kulkarni, Umesh	1689	7	
122128	Kumar, Martin	1857	1930	
103595	Lefkowitz, Phil	1652	1800	
111831	Luyben, Norm	1743	1801	
110115	Macfarlane, Don	1461	1670	
103730	Mackey, John	1800	1800	
132687	Mah, Travis	1240	16	
135153	McAvoy, Tom	1228	5	
131995	McDonald, Brian J.	1516	1516	
125958	McDonald, Luke J.	1068	1068	
111917	McIntosh, Danny	1830	1830	
103657	McDonald, Bruce	1909	1929	
102547	Miller, Brian	1769	1909	
129945	Miller, Mitch	1584	1584	
101674	Millie, Arthur	1734	2068	
106052	Quinn, John	2005	2078	
123189	Reddinghous, Andre	1222	10	
103400	Reeve, Jeff	2379	2400	
101711	Regimbal, Adrien	1828	1828	
104612	Reichert, Wayne	1239	1312	
106072	Rekhsen, Viedslav	1863	1863	
110140	Rostovic, Nenad	2328	2365	
127787	Robertson, Archie	1800	1932	
133868	Schec, Roland	1548	12	

101771	Schochat, Eric	1894	2000
134221	Schroeder, Carmen	1421	1421
135590	Smith, Kevin	1528	14
134315	Snelling, Justin	1482	18
110502	Sokol, Ante	1687	1816
126179	Stark, Mark	1786	1879
134403	Storchuk, Ken	2049	2049
101331	Swicko, Bronislaw	1631	1751
102223	Thomas, Bruce D.	1795	1889
134717	Tiburcio, Fiel	1237	6
109397	Tot, Nandor	2091	2210
114333	Van Ieperen, Taco	2149	2149
110366	Vasylev, Yane	2169	2270
134348	Veneracion, Paolo	2092	2140
103039	Ventura, Jason	xxxx	1705
136407	Ventura, Justin	966	5
105220	Verik, Val	1704	1704
122708	Wang, Amanda	1138	1175
112618	Wang, Kevin	1742	1817
103355	Weis, Rodney	1832	1935
127483	Whinnon, Jason	1796	1852
103076	Wong, Ford	1937	2040
102410	Yamach, Ahmet	1831	1900
102743	Yearwood, Roy	2122	2286
109944	Zaradic, Tony	1702	1746
134362	Zheng, Fisher	1591	1591

British Columbia				
CFC#	Name	Rtng	High	
135483	Adirovic, Semo	xxxx	5	
135393	Aiyathurai, Dhalathan	214	214	
135423	Aiyathurai, Mathusen	548	548	
121445	Almasan, Ovidiu	1162	1162	
135432	Amiani, Adam	755	4	
134339	Anema, Yoshia	1484	17	
104368	Atkinson, Gavin	1846	1846	
130075	Atkinson, Neil	945	5	
127562	Au, Kevin	1025	1071	
135217	Azmitia, Luis Eduardo	1794	7	
131267	Barabara, Parish	1638	1685	
132518	Barber, Austin	455	455	
135411	Bau, Lawrence	1639	1639	
128809	Beaudin, Jesse	xxxx	1701	
135026	Belcher-Coward, Olivia	200	16	
135100	Belknap, Caleb	594	9	
135024	Bell, Michael	680	680	
132179	Bell, Jamie	1242	1242	
126045	Besheha, Mihai	920	920	
132908	Bishop, Greg	xxxx	21	
135868	Bosenberg, Marc H.	1305	5	
132416	Botze, Alexandra	903	909	
135423	Boubouy, Arsen	745	745	
123856	Bowles, Malcolm	1575	1605	
122965	Brodie, Graham	xxxx	1368	
101468	Broz, Peter	1623	1804	
135762	Butler, Liam	355	5	
128705	Callow, Joyce	916	1016	
135783	Camp, James	1576	5	
137373	Campbell, Dale	1374	19	
135048	Campbell, Tom	1681	1765	
132028	Cannon, Farley	1182	1182	
135423	Canon, Michael	2263	2263	
132569	Carr, Laurence	712	712	
128265	Chan, James	2026	2026	
124646	Chan, Justin	1488	1556	
129331	Chan, Leonard	1056	1056	
135423	Chang, Arthur	1343	1343	
104349	Chapman, Dan	1464	1464	
132821	Cheng, Andrew	1187	1187	
132192	Cheng, Jack	1187	1187	
135369	Cheng, Lesley	1336	1336	
135423	Choi, Jonathan	1181	1181	
125512	Choi, David	532	532	
135124	Chomack, Graham	740	740	
132976	Chou, Mason	844	844	
126920	Chou, Winston	923	923	
135423	Chow, Su-Ching	1208	1208	
125376	Chow, Thomas	1220	1308	
107197	Chow, Lo-Ching	1190	1219	
128203	Christensen, Erik	1640	1641	
124633	Chu, Gregory	1124	14	
135423	Chun, Shih	1312	1312	
135760	Claire, Shahbaz	326	4	
135771	Cole, Robin	1399	5	
103412	Costea, Mihai	769	769	
132414	Craver, Lyle	1631	1631	
135423	Crow, Jonathan	xxxx	1383	
134909	Cvekovic, Branislav	474	20	
135364	Dahler, Andreas	xxxx	5	
111363	Daswani, Benedict	1645	1834	
124928	Dauvergne, Duncan	930	10	
135423	Davies, Lucas	1962	1996	
106614	Davis, Ryan	xxxx	14	
121772	Debroni, Sean	1157	1181	
108072	Devries, Peter	1742	1830	
135423	Durbalau, Diana	356	12	
134135	Durbalau, Diana	356	12	
123026	Dzinoic, Jasenko	1350	1350	
135423	Elkholy, Ali	737	24	
135423	Emanuele, Ryan	551	5	
135423	Felke, Charles	1961	1961	
104911	Feng, Jason	1228	1894	
135423	Fife, Dylan	200	5	
135781	Fong, Brennan	1238	10	
135781	Formosa, Kurtis	576	5	
135423	Forth, Alan	1367	1403	
121234	Fowler, Stephen	xxxx	1965	
135771	Frederick, Joseph	1060	9	
135771	Fullbrook, Nigel	640	640	
103643	Gaciu, Vlad	2175	2373	
131830	Gann, Connor	810	938	
133170	Gaulin, Richard	1388	1468	
134364	Gear, Andrew	1576	9	
135767	Genossor, Colleen	200	5	
135423	Gout, Valentina	1795	1818	
123238	Gout, Evelyn	1701	1869	
135529	Granula, J. J.	1235	7	
135772	Handford, Dylan	817	4	
135369	Hanna, Josh	xxxx	1616	
135423	Haxopoulos, Malina	1950	1950	
125539	Hardy, Justin	1994	1994	
135771	Harper, Laura	1099	1194	
135771	Harper, Jamie	1360	1425	
135771	He, Jimmy	929	929	
135771	Henderson, Lara	1230	1230	
135771	Herman, Cory	617	2	
135771	Higgins, Rehan	1011	1312	
135771	Higgins, Sophia	684	5	
135771	Higgins, Shiraz	xxxx	203	
135771	Hoffmann, Geoffrey	1411	10	
135771	Howard, Grant	512	9	
135771	Howe, Brad	1230	12	
135771	Humme, James	608	4	
135771	Hunter, Alan	2015	2020	
127914	Jewett, Damian	xxxx	19	
135771	Jiang, Louie	1029	1029	
135771	Johnston, Mark	1242	5	
135771	Jones, Clancy	363	10	
135771	Jung, William	xxxx	1932	
135771	Jung, David	904	6	
135771	Jung, Bohun	914	23	
135771	Kardos, Ted	xxxx	4	
135771	Katunar, Chad	1293	1305	

200	5	12882	Anderson, Collin	1781	150
2019	2034	13111	Anderson, George	1540	150
1825	1900	11005	Barkman, Daniel	xxxxx	150
936	936	12041	Bays, Derek	xxxxx	150
1199	5	13639	Buss, Brian	1330	150
5	672	10	Cleio, Sam	1872	150
2001	2011	134389	Clory, Ron	1693	150
1667	1671	106887	Czarny, Keith	1621	17
1811	2000	11806	Czynski, Jaroslaw	1939	200
1739	1819	13639	Edwards, Alex	1685	150
840	840	134894	Estabrooks, Mike	1700	1700
1549	1549	106001	Gannon, Keith	1583	17
1988	1982	107049	Gibbons, Michael	2106	17
1347	5	10769	Gibbons, Lorne	1363	17
1937	1990	13637	Gibby, John	1143	17
736	19	12619	Gray, Colin	xxxxx	17
1884	1956	105	Greenberg, Harley	1730	16
302	5	12036	Hempfill, Jim	xxxxx	16
200	5	104596	Henson, Joshua	2154	200
753	753	13639	Hogenson, Carl, Alex	1685	150
580	580	125249	Kapitsan, Aron	1999	203
1457	1457	13628	Katcher, Jeff	1258	150
948	4	104590	Katona, John	1757	150
200	5	102851	Kheokar, Jay S.	xxxxx	200
806	945	13639	Kohal, Andrew	1464	150
200	5	131214	Kwiatke, Jordan	1716	1716
1310	1410	102783	Lauritsen, Jim	1914	200
415	9	127960	Liebzelt, Samuel	1039	150
1498	1628	105377	Lipnowski, Mick	2135	200
1852	1852	1670	Miller, Fred	1872	150
1670	1742	127554	Mu, Yuchen	1878	150
221	2212	120639	Nair, Krishnan	1175	150
223	2333	134849	Nguyen, Huu	xxxxx	200
1802	1802	126475	Nikouline, Alexandre	2057	200
549	549	12402	Potteweyer, Carl	1836	150
xxxxx	1924	104122	Prox, Roy	1731	131
1962	2010	131407	Reimer, Bruce	1335	135
1866	1863	104619	Remillard, John	1511	171
1332	5	131233	Rutter, Brian	1733	171
2466	15	106846	Rutledge, Mardam	2039	16
468	23	130955	Shome, Devashri	1566	16
2044	2227	127957	Sigurdson, Matthew	xxxxx	16
276	9	126341	Singh Dhillon, Anokh	1032	1032
xxxxx	1263	135305	Sitl, Graham	1056	1056
200	6	136394	Solomon, Fabian	1885	1885
279	6	135117	Suarez-Amaya, Sasha	1093	1093
744	744	133852	Taylor, Jasper	1483	1483
863	863	123856	Taylor, Evan	xxxxx	1483
1346	1346	131395	Tetrauf, Charles	1566	1566
1439	152	13639	Tetlow, Carlos	1465	1465
1439	1582	129631	Toews, Brian	xxxxx	1439
1633	5	103193	Trueman, Francis	1479	150
453	4	125311	Van Wyk, Trevor	1909	1909
154	1809	123313	Vincent, Joseph	1981	1981
2249	2300	135592	Wassner, Robert	1614	1614
xxxxx	15	135589	Zaczek, Jonathan	1614	1614
xxxxx	1152	135118	Zhang, Guannan	1423	1423
1578	1578				
1187	1189				
1316	1316				
1313	1316				
1107	1107				
1401	1401				
1749	1870				
739	804				
1636	1636				
334	34				
1037	1037				
200	4				
1266	1382				
630	630				
1023	1038				
1245	1245				
1822	1878				
636	10				
456	10				
xxxxx	1550				
2087	2278				
xxxxx	1501				
499	24				
1286	1286				
54	42				
2021	2117				
677	4				
778	5				
1013	874				
1694	1839				
1761	1877				
1050	5				
1080	1080				
1007	1055				
574	20				
xxxxx	1910				
1521	1530				
10	34				
1850	1850				
1514	1596				
964	1014				
1547	1800				
1282	23				
1249	1255				
905	924				
363	363				
876	876				
201	201				
136	5				
1836	5				
200	5				
xxxxx	1408				
969	8				
601	9				
1928	1971				
997	997				
789	15				
1090	1127				
1649	1800				
2102	2109				
1164	1164				
326	5				
1266	5				
1386	1413				
787	787				
759	759				
651	651				
1010	14				
1828	2023				
1135	18				
1166	1166				
746	14				
2426	2483				
1382	1382				
xxxxx	5				
1243	5				
1340	1372				
561	5				
798	798				
2194	2317				

New Brunswick				
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136400	Ackerson, John	1036		
102726	Arsenault, Normand	1522		
107663	Assaf, David	1748		
14801	Baker, Gabriel	1846		
134231	Bar, Abdul	1658		
13742	Black, Claude J.P.	1588		
120558	Blanchard, Michael	1784		
105067	Bogle, Bill	2136		
104373	Bouvier, Pierre	1282		
130307	Bowes, Richard	2000		
130047	Boyce, Brian	1824		
126562	Boyd, Joseph	1493		
136568	Brewer, Tim	1454		
130035	Briggs, Douglas	1763		
131926	Butland, Brad	1082		
131925	Butland, Gene	1450		
108653	Caissie, Patrick	1626		
129637	Cartwright, Joseph	1754		
136394	Chapman, Robert P.	1048		
109056	Chrisjohn, Roland D.	1446		
124313	Cleveland, Lucas	xxxxx		
109630	Cole, Don	1491		
116760	Davis, Neil	2102		
136394	Davis, Lorraine	963		
136399	Davis, Torrey	1406		
125237	Doherty, Mike	1746		
112847	Doucet, Daniel	1508		
129674	Doucette, Raymond	1700		
136394	Duff, James	1775		
108882	Duivenvoorden, Hubert	1579		
134998	Fayek, Safa	1577		
135000	Frenette, Daniel	1283		
136394	Frenette, Catherine	963		
107486	Godson, Cliff	1913		
131008	Goff, Shane	1777		
112107	Hache, Sonny	1488		
107959	Harris, Joe	965		
108799	Harris, Joe	1450		
106109	Hebert, Rodrigue	1764		
129619	Hensel, George	1605		
1181	Hill, Rod	1901		
129659	Horton, Jordan	xxxxx		
129659	Hutchinson, Jason	xxxxx		
129748	Johnson, Kyle	1712		
107930	Johnson, Jason	1265		
136394	Kapadia, Ronak	2174		
136394	King, Peter	1423		
125424	Kuffman, Andrew	xxxxx		
121684	Laforest, Gilles	1512		
133740	Lamprea, Sebastian	1409		
125344	Lapiente, Marc Andre	1219		
134049	Laporte, Daniel	965		
110255	Larmer, Robert	1812		
128802	LeBreton, James	1591		
130003	Legacy, Leo	1425		
129711	Legault, Marc	1130		
136394	Legs, Victor	965		
136398	Léger, Madeleine	626		
186039	Léger, Philippe	1250		
136394	Léger, Eric	906		
137870	Lisore, Pierre	1528		
1164	Lukarosi, Branislav	1111		
135303	Lukarosi, Alex	1544		
136394	Maks, Reginald	1409		
120634	Masseys, Phil	1809		
136394	Mather, Matt	1282		
136394	Maud, Chris	1676		
108737	Mills, Ken	1676		
104600	Morrison, Patrick	1590		
135295	Nason, David	1308		
136397	O'Keefe, Michael	1030		
136394	O'Neil, John	1603		
103315	Papenhausen, Richard	2009		
109311	Parker, James J.	1707		
128803	Potter, Daniel	936		
104637	Rordien, Jason	2003		
129618	Savage, David	1676		
136394	Smith, Glen	1318		
105576	Smith, Glen	1654		
136394	So, Kam	1639		
129223	So, Pierre Jean-Marie	xxxxx		
11913	Stem, Oliver	1785		
136394	Stora, Karen	1161		
132623	Taylor, Cory	1460		

103501	Toscani, Marco	1536	18	112136	Brakovic, Nikola	2084	2100	130425	Danilko, Alex	1283	1283	136277	Gaudreault, Joshua	200	5	135918	Issa, Sharmarke	1126	10
103502	Ustoc, Bill	1537	180	112137	Brazil, Mark	1439	1600	132759	Dao, Donny	817	10	136194	Gawley, Tyler	1176	5	135330	Iskovich, Yaniv	950	1080
133696	Wang, Shane	1000	15	106859	Brennan, Corie	661	4	136991	Darbyson, Adam	476	5	105416	Gehardt, David	1832	1989	125068	Jach, Bartek	800	943
136444	Weaver, Ian	1005	6	136055	Bretton, Kassy	885	5	136329	Deaton, Melissa	1298	22	136616	Geisen, Tiffany	278	4	100030	Jackson, David	2171	2302
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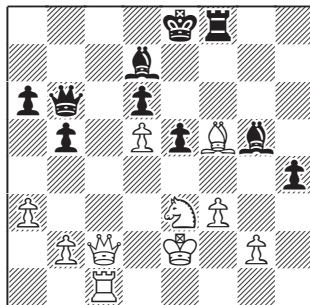
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4.♗xd4 e5 5.♗b5 d6 6.♗1c3 a6
7.♗a3 b5 8.♗d5 ♗ge7 9.c4 ♗d4
10.♗e3 ♗xd5 11.cxd5 f5 12.♗d3
fxe4 13.♗xe4 ♗f5 14.♖d3 ♗xe3
15.♖xe3 ♖a5+ 16.♗e2 ♗e7
17.♖d3 g6 18.h4 ♗f8 19.h5 gxh5
20.♗c2 h4 21.♗xh7 ♗d7 22.a3
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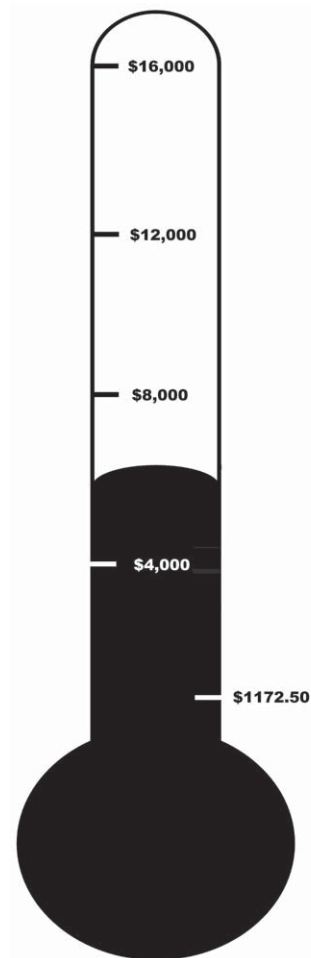


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