

New Mexico Chess Clubs

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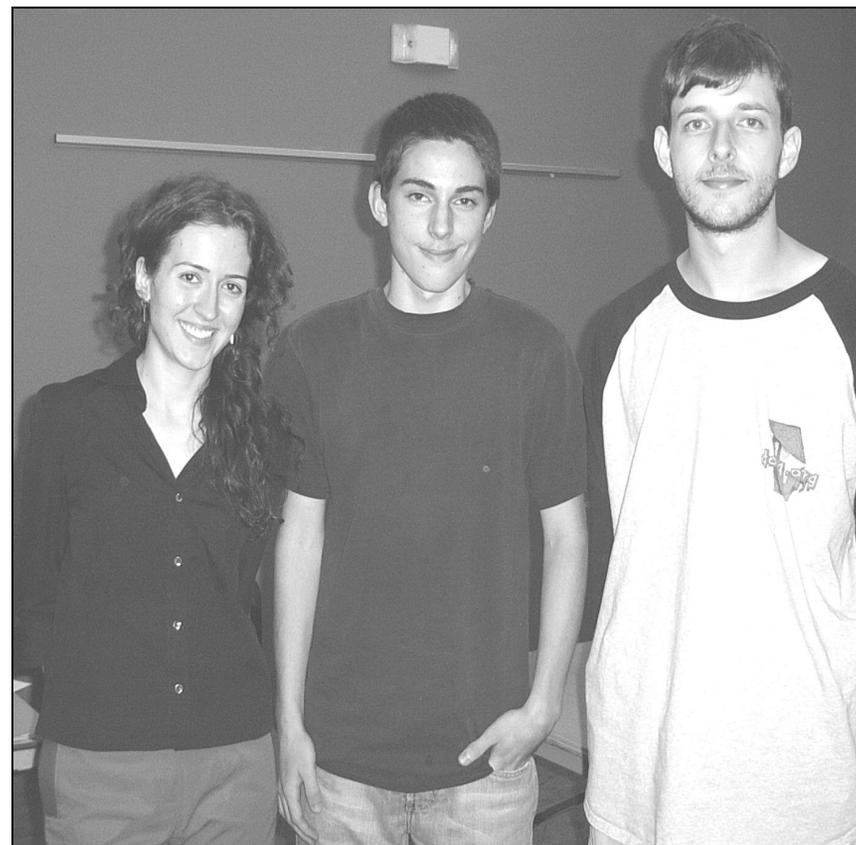
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John Flores Conquers Two International Chess Masters.

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President's Message

By the time you read this, I will be in Florida on business for several months and you will be electing a new President.

I want to thank the tournament directors that helped to make 2008 a successful year for New Mexico Chess: Kevin Scott Kerns, Jeffrey Sallade, Arthur Glassman and Art Byers.

Special thanks must go to John Baxter who raised funds for several of our tournaments and obtained great publicity for us on Local TV and in newspapers such as the *Albuquerque Journal* and the weekly *Alibi*. John has moved some distance North but has promised to try to help NMCO in the future and to play, when business permits, in our tournaments.

Hopefully, I will be back in Albuquerque before the Spring of 2009 and join you in tournament play. *Silas Perry*

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Excellent Move	!!
Good Move	!
Interesting	!?
Dubious	?!
Bad	?
Blunder	??
Check	+
Double Check	++
Checkmate	#

White Winning	+ -
White advantage	+ =
White small edge	+ / =
Equal	=
Black Winning	- +
Black advantage	= +
Black small edge	= / +
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Puzzle Solutions:

Puzzle solutions always look for the best move each player could make for each of their moves.

Moves that have Black play into White's plans (or vice versa) aren't considered because it's not what you'd see in a real game (unless the other player is forced into it, of course. **Dan Pasono, Puzzle Master.**

Puzzle 1 -- White to move

1. dxc6

This move allows White to get out of the Bishop/Knight fork with even material.

Puzzle 2 -- White to move

1. Bxe6

White wins a piece. If black recaptures with fxe6, White mates with Ng6#

Puzzle 3 -- White to move

1. Rxa6

This threatens 2. Rxa8 Rxa8, 3. Qxa8# and gives White a passed pawn. Neither Black rook can recapture or White will take the other with a checkmate.

Puzzle 4 -- Black to move

1. ... Qc5#

All of White's escape squares are occupied by his own pieces.

Puzzle 5 -- White to move

1. Rdh1

Threatening Rh8#. If Black prevents checkmate with Kf8 or g6, he suffers the loss of his B rook to Rh8. Ng7 only delays the threat.

Puzzle 6 -- White to move

1. Rg7+

If 1. ... Nxc7, then 2. Qxc7#

If 1. ... Kh8 then 2. Rxf7+ Kg8, 3.

Rg8+ K moves, 4. Rc7+ and

White gets the Queen

If 1. ... Kxh6 then 2. Qf6+ followed shortly by checkmate

Puzzle 7 -- Black to move

1. ... Qxe3

2. Qxe3 f2

3. Qxf2 Rxf2+ and Black is a Rook up

Puzzle 8 -- White to move

1. Rxf8+ Kxf8 (if ... Rxf8, 2.

Qxh7#)

2. Qf3+ Kg8

3. Qf7+ Kh8

4. Qh5

If 4. ... Kg8 then 5. Qxh7+ Kf8, 6.

Qh8+ Ke7, 7. Qxc7#

If 4. ... h6 then 5. Nf7+ and White gets the Queen

Puzzle 9 -- Black to move

1. ... Ng5

If 2. Qg2 then 2. ... Nf3+ 3. Kh1

Bxf1 and the White Queen is trapped

If White's Queen stops protecting his Bishop, then Black's move is

Qxf1#

From the Editor

Many thanks to the four players who contributed notes to this issue. There have been more contributors every time and this can only improve the magazine.

Thanks to Daniel Pasono who has given us yet another fine puzzle page.

We must **thank John Baxter** for his help in publishing the previous issues and we wish him well as he has moved to the Abiqui area.

As always, I just wrote some game notes but Art Byers did all the real work of getting the files ready to print. This time he wrote articles, notes, a quiz(!) and got the magazine printed too.

Thanks!

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The Villains Wore Black Hats

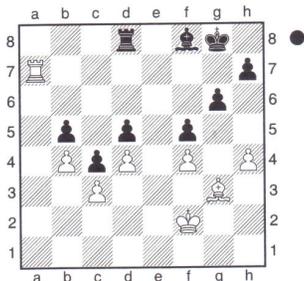
By Art Byers

The great American Champion, Grand Master Frank Marshall, would often explain, with a wry smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye, how he had beaten another strong chess master with one of what he called his "swindles". Like any good con-man, GM Marshall would offer his opponent the opportunity to (apparently) win a pawn or piece. Of course Marshall's swindles were at the grand master level where, having outstanding combinative ability, he saw further through the long combination, than his opponent, - all the way to his scorpion's tail end sting. There, his unexpected move would bring home the win.

But you do not have to be a chess master to perpetrate swindles. The position shown below is an actual one from a **low** rated section in a 2008 NMCO tournament. Here, the swindler offers material to his opponent whose greed blinds chess insight and causes him to lose.

We cannot give the name of the swindler as to call someone this in print is libel and risks a lawsuit. It would be unfair to name the swindlee as that would subject the sucker ("One born every minute"- Barnum) to humiliation. So in honor of the old time Western movies where the good guys always wore the white hats and the villains wore black hats, we name the players by the color of their chess pieces.

Mr. White Hat vs. Mr. Black Hat
39.Ra7



Prospects certainly look dim for Mr. Black Hat There is no way he can defend both the black pawns on b5 and d5 from the invasion of the White Rook. **39....Rc8** So Mr. BH decides, in a moment of apparent insanity, to defend neither. This should have set off alarm bells under the Stetson of Mr. WH but avarice ruins his good sense. **40.Rd7 Bxb4!** This is the swindle that

Mr. WH should have seen **41.cxb4** What else? Otherwise the white pawn on c3 also goes. **c3 42.Re7** Run White Rook run, but you will arrive too late! **c2 43.Re1 c1Q 44.Rxc1 Rxc1 0-1** and with this material advantage, the villain, Mr. BH, was able to bring home the full point.

Editor Jim's Comment: After 39...Rc8 W should reply Ke2, then the B sac does not work as the K gets in front of the passer. But you have to see the sac coming to play that. The swindle would certainly work against 90% of chess players, though the other 10% would note the color of the opponent's hat and play the K move.

For an item related to chess swindles, see the **Letters to DK**, Page # 10

Pictures from the SF Open

Gabe Ewing - Carlos Santillan [B76]2008 Santa Fe Open, Open section (3)[Accelerated Dragon]

This game had an exciting finish. W had the advantage throughout and seemed to be about to mate B's King when he got mated himself **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.f3 Nf6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.g4 Ne5? [>=10...Qa5]11.h4+/- Bd7 12.h5 Rc8 13.hxg6 fxd6 14.Bh6 Bh8 15.Bg5 Rxc3? 16.Bxf6 Rxc2+ 17.Qxc2 Bxf6 18.Qh2 h5**

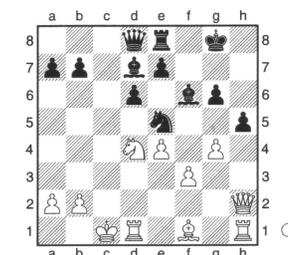
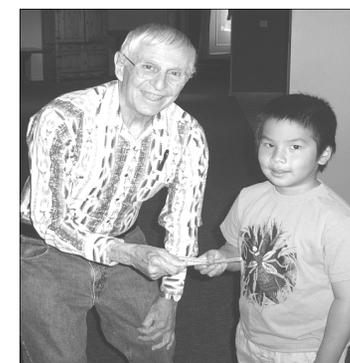


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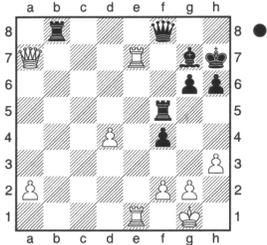
NMCO Treasurer Dean Brunton
with Jason at the Signup Table.

Below: Blitz TD Art Byers hands
Tim Tran his cash winnings.



B's K is in the open
19.gxh5 g5 20.f4 Ng4 21.Qg3 [>=21.Qg1] 21...Qb6 22.Nb3 Rc8+ 23.Kb1 Nf2 [>=23...Qf2=] 24.Bh3 Nxh1 25.Rxh1 Bxh3 26.Qxh3 Rf8 27.fxg5 Be5 28.Qe6+ Kh8 29.Qh6+ Kg8 30.g6 Rf2! 31.Qh7+? [W had to find >=31.Rh2 Rf1+ 32.Nc1 Rxc1+ 33.Qxc1 Bxh2 34.Qc4+ =/+] 31...Kf8 32.Rd1? Rxb2+ 33.Kc1 Qc6+ 0-1

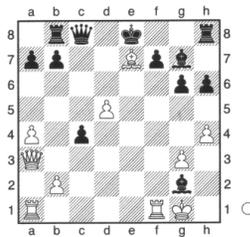
23.Qxb7 Qf8? [\geq 23...Rg8 covers everything] 24.cxd4 Rb8 25.Qxa7 Rxb2 26.Re7 Rb8 27.h3 Diagram



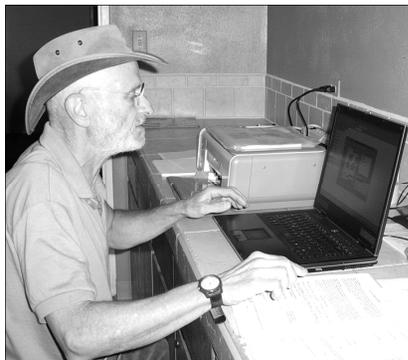
27...Kg8? [\geq 27...Rfb5 would keep B in it. Now W wins smoothly] 28.Rxg7+ Qxg7 29.Qxb8+ Rf8 30.Re8 Rxe8 31.Qxe8+ Kh7 32.Qa4 Qb7 33.Qc2 f3 34.Qd3 fxg2 35.d5 Qb2 36.d6 Qxa2 37.d7 Qa1+ 38.Kxg2 Qa8+ 39.Qf3 Qd8 40.Qf7+ Kh8 41.Qe8+ 1-0

Dante Archuleta - Jeffrey Serna. Santa Fe Open Open section [Despres Opening]

W gets no advantage from his irregular opening, but the excitement soon comes... 1.h4 d6 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 Bd7 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nh3 e5 6.d5 Ne7 7.e4 this move would have been good on move 1! 7...c6 8.c4 Qb6 9.Qb3 Qc7 [\geq 9...Nc8] 10.Nc3 g6 11.0-0 Qc8 12.Kh2 h6 13.f4 Ng4+ 14.Kg1 Rb8 15.a4 Bg7 16.Bd2 exf4 17.Bxf4 cxd5 18.Bxd6? [\geq 18.Nxd5] 18...dxc4 19.Qa3 Ne3? [\geq 19...Bd4+ 20.Nf2 Qd8=] 20.Bxe7 Bxh3 21.Nd5? [\geq 21.Nb5! Nc2 22.Nd6+-] 21...Nxd5 22.exd5 Bxg2? Diagram



W to play and win [\geq 22...Bd4+] 23.Kxg2? W is still winning but [\geq 23.Rae1! and B can only delay mate by sacrificing Q and Bs on the e file] 23...Qd7 24.d6? [\geq 24.Bd6 and grab the e file] 24...Qc6+ 25.Kh2 g5 26.Rae1 f5 27.Bxg5+ [\geq 27.Rxf5] 27...Kf7 28.d7 hxg5 29.Qe7+ Kg8 30.Rxf5 Qxa4 31.d8Q+ Rxd8 32.Qxd8+ Kh7 33.Qxg5 Qc2+ 34.Kh3 Rf8 35.Rxf8 Bxf8 36.Qh5+Kg8 37.Qd5+ Kh7 38.Qxb7+ Bg7 39.Qe4+ Qxe4 40.Rxe4 Bxb2 41.Rxc4 a5 42.Kg4 Kg6 43.Rc6+ Kg7 44.Kf5 a4 45.Ra6 a3 46.g4 Kf7 47.Ra7+ Kg8 48.g5 Kf8 49.Ke6 Kg8 50.h5 Kh8 51.g6 Bc1 52.Kf7 It's mate in 2 with Ra8 and perhaps R takes B 1-0



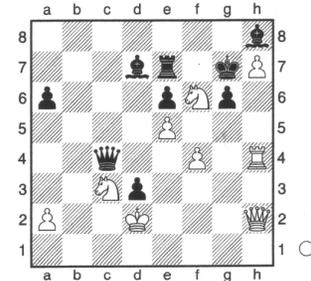
SF Open TD Art Glassman at work!

Quads by Knight

On 31st May 39 players were in the Quads at the Foothills club. The 9 sections were won by: 1. Jim Wilson, 2. Jim Johnston and Bob Hampton, 3. Zach Stuart, 4. Gabe Ewing, 5. Robert Newell and Charles McDaniel, 6. Michael Lott, 7. Chad Frantz, 8. James Adams and 9. Evan Liu. Silas spent the time between rounds trying to sell his car, and scored 3 losses. A few games follow:

1) Ditrick, Dwight - Perry, Silas Quads By Knight Foothills CC, Albuquerque [Sicilian Dragon]

Comment by Art Byers & Variations by Fritz Here is a miniature from the top section of the "Quads By Knight" tournament 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 Bg7 7.e5 dxe5 8.fxe5 Nd5 9.Bb5+ Forcing the next black move as interposing a B or N loses the N on d5 9...Kf8 10.0-0 Bxe5?? Uh Oh! 11.Bh6+ Kg8 [11...Bg7 12.Bxg7+ Kxg7 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Nf5+-] 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Nf5! Qc5+ Spite check #1 14.Be3 Bxh2+ Spite Check #2 15.Kh1 1-0



40.Rg4 Bb5 [40...Be8 41.f5! Qxg4 42.Nxg4 exf5+-] 41.Rxg6+!! Kf7 [41...Kxg6 42.Qg2+ Mate attack;] 42.Rg7+!! Bxg7 [42...Kxg7 43.Qg3+ Mate attack; 42...Bxg7 43.Qh5+ Mate attack;] 43.Qh5+ Kf8 44.h8Q+ Bxh8 45.Qxh8+ Kf7 46.Qg8# 1-0

Ewing, Gabriel (1538) - Pasano, Daniel (1540) [B09]
Quads by Knight Foothills CC, Albuquerque NM (3), 05/31/2008 Here is a position from a third round game between two evenly matched, by rating, players. With the better position, Gabriel shows he knows how to finish with brilliancy. Position is with white to make move 40. The double exclamations and variations are by Fritz 11.

SAVE THE DATES

2009 Memorial/Senior Chess
Tournament.
January 17 & 18
at the Days Inn on Menaul

The Albuquerque Open
June 27 & 28
At the Days Inn on Menaul

The Pir Malecki Memorial Revisited

After the tournament Steven Young told us he would try to send notes to his game with GM Kraai. When they reached us we had already printed the last edition of DK, so that's why they are appearing here. On reading Steven's thoughts, I was reminded of Jesse's comment in his Chess Life interview last year "It's a painful process to analyze your games. It's like a psychoanalytic session with yourself"

This may be a good example of what he meant. W keeps the game even, (my computer thought that he had a slight edge.), all the way to the diagram, and then suddenly things turn around.

(1) Steven Young - GM Jesse Kraai

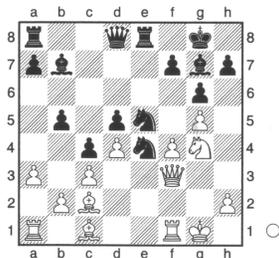
Pir Malecki Mem. (1)

[Bird's]

Notes by Steven Young

1.f4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.d4 Nf6 7.a3 the GM did not like this move, but I did not want Bb4 combined with Ne4 7...Bd6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.Ne2 my 1st discovery of the game notices that 10...c4 transfers the B to the h3-c8 diagonal and the N is favorably placed for maneuvers on the kings side 10...Re8 I believe the GM characterized some of his moves as superficial...not sure if this was one as the B can retreat to f8 if need be 11.c3 Nbd7 12.Ne5 c4 13.Bc2 b5 14.Ng3 Ne4 15.Nf5 Ndf6 16.g4 Bf8 17.g5 g6 18.Ne3 Nd7 19.N3g4 Bg7

17.g5 g6 18.Ne3 Nd7 19.N3g4 Bg7 20.Qf3 Nxe5

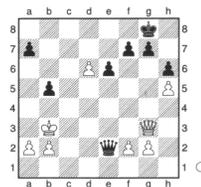


21.dxe5?! of the 3 possible recaptures, this is the worst as it allows B to open the h1-a8 diagonal and transform the spectator at b7 into a terrorist. Who knows what dissuaded me from the "obvious recapture"? What sane mind would intentionally self occlude the f file where Q and R were poised for action? Answer: my sanity aside, I must have been concerned about unprotecting g5 21...Nc5 22.Qd1? -/+ [22.Qh3=] 22...d4! excellent diagonal opening move 23.Qxd4 Qc8 24.Nf2? h3 or Qd1 at least offer resistance, but after this GM induced lemon, capitulation is the logical continuation 24...Qc6 0-1



The new DGT folding chess clock is featured in the USCF Summer 2008 Catalog. A full page detailed product review is on Page 11.

penetrate with his Q [\geq 21.Rxd8+] 21...Bxd6 22.Rxd6 Qe1+! 23.Kc2 Qe2+ 24.Kb3 Rxd6 25.exd6 b5 26.cxb5 cxb5

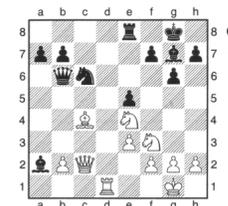


27.Qf4? [\geq 27.Ka3] 27...Qd1+ [\geq 27...Qd3+] 28.Kc3 a5 29.Qd2? [\geq 29.Qd4+-] 29...Qa4 30.b3? [\geq 30.Qd4] 30...Qb4+= 31.Kc2 Qe4+ 32.Kd1 Qb1+ 33.Ke2 Qe4+ 34.Kd1 Qb1+ 35.Ke2 Qe4+ 36.Qe3 Qc2+ and notation stops. I am guessing that black played Qc6 and Qd7 and then rounded up the passed pawn 0-1

Jason Stoneking - Douglas Thigpen. Santa Fe Open, Open section (2)

[Queen's pawn]

Here is Stoneking's 2nd upset as he catches Doug in a smothered mate. 1.d4 c5 2.c3 avoiding a Benko and the Benoni lines 2...Nf6 3.Bf4 cxd4 4.cxd4 g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 d6 9.Nc3 Re8 10.Rc1 Qb6 11.Qd2 [\geq 11.d5 Nb8 12.Qc2] 11...e5 12.dxe5= [\geq 12.Bg5] 12...dxe5 13.Bg5 Be6 14.Bxf6? Bxf6 15.Ne4 Bg7 16.Rfd1? Rad8 17.Qc2 -/+ Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Bxa2 19.Bc4



19...Nb4? Now W is better, B should trade bishops and grab the b2 pawn [\geq 19...Bxc4-/+] 20.Qc3 [\geq 20.Qa4 Qc6 21.Bb5 Qxe4 22.Bxe8] 20...Bxc4 21.Qxc4 Nc6 [\geq 21...Qc6] 22.Nd6!+- Rd8 23.Qxf7+ [the text is winning but \geq 23.Ng5 is even stronger] 23...Kh8 24.Qe6 Qxb2? gives W a forced mate [\geq 24...Rf8] 25.Nf7+ Kg8 26.Nh6+ Kh8 27.Qg8+ Rxc8 28.Nf7# 1-0

Alexander Kornienko - Emre Enginarlar. Santa Fe Open Open section (4) [Queen's pawn]

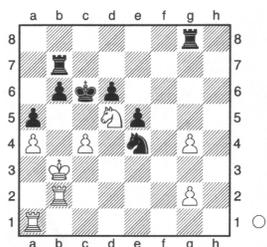
B seems to be doing well with a piece for a couple of pawns. Then W grabs the piece ... 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 c5 3.e3 cxd4 4.exd4 g6 5.Bd3 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 d6 8.Bg5 Nc6 9.c3 Qc7 10.Nbd2 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 h6 14.Be3 f5 15.Qb3+ Kh7 16.Bxc6 Qxc6 17.Rad1 Be6 18.Qb4 f4? [\geq 18...Rfe8-/+] 19.Bc5 Rf5 20.Rd6 Qc8 21.Nd4? losing a piece. When the pawn takes both sides have a B hanging 21...exd4 22.Rdxe6 Qxc5+- 23.Qxb7 Qf8? Next page

18...Nxf3+? B's combination is unsound 19.Qxf3 Ng4 20.Rac1 Nxe3 21.Nxe3 Bd4 22.Rfe1 g4 23.Qe2 0-0 24.Kg2 Rhg8 25.Nf1 Qf6 26.Ne4 Qg6 27.b4 f5 28.Ned2 Qf6 29.c5 h5 30.b5 [\geq 30.Qxe7] 30...h4 31.bxc6? Qxc6+ and W has to give back the piece 32.Ne4+ fxe4 33.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 34.Rxe4 Rgf8 [34...h3+ looks great for B] 35.gxh4 Rf2+ 36.Kg3 Rf3+? 37.Kg2 Rh3 38.Rxg4 and W soon won 1-0

Emre Enginarlar - Jim Wilson Santa Fe Open, Open section (3) [Danish]

Top seed Jim Wilson was held to a draw by Zach Stuart in round 2, but won his other games in good style 1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 d3?! B prefers an unclear position where he can try to outplay his opponent, to a pawn up position where W has a lot of attacking chances 4.c4? Bd3 or Nd2 keep W's advantage 4...Bb4+= 5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Bxd3 Nf6 7.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 8.Qd2 Qxd2+ 9.Nxd2 Nc6 10.0-0-0 d6=/+ 11.f3 Be6 12.Ne2 Ne5 13.Kc2 Nxd3 14.Kxd3 0-0-0 15.Nf4 c6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Rhe1 e5 18.Nf1 Rhf8 19.Ne3 Nh5 20.Rd2 Kc7 21.Red1 g6 22.b4 Nf4+ 23.Kc3 Ne6 24.Nc2 b6 25.a4 a5 26.b5 Nc5 27.Ra1 h5 28.Ne3+/- Rd7 29.bxc6 Kxc6 30.Nd5 g5 31.h3? g4=/+ 32.hxg4 hxg4 33.Rb2 Rb7 34.fxg4 Nxe4+ 35.Kb3 Rg8

When you are on the internet, be sure to visit the USCF Forum page and check out the "Tournament" area.



36.Ka3? perhaps Ne3 would keep W in the game 36...Rxxg4+ 37.Rab1 Rg3+ 38.Rb3 Rxb3+ 39.Rxb3 Kc5 40.Rb5+ Kxc4 41.Nxb6+ Kd4 42.Rd5+ Kc3 43.Nc8 Rb1 44.Ka2 Rb4 45.Ka3 Rd4 46.Rxa5 Nd2 47.Ra6 Nc4+ 48.Ka2 e4 White's king is in big trouble, so he tries to confuse the issue by giving up material 49.Nxd6 Rxd6 50.Ra8 Rd3 51.Rh8 e3 [\geq 51...Kc2 forces mate] 52.Rh3 Kc2 53.Rh4 Nd2? and B soon won, but, *IF* the score sheet is correct, here he missed mate in 1 by Ra3 0-1

Chad Schneider - Jason Stoneking Santa Fe Open, Open Section[Caro Kann]

Jason scores the first of 2 big upsets when W refuses the 3 fold repetition 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bf4 Ngf6 12.0-0-0 Be7 I have always thought that this main line position gives white a plus. Chad is a c6 player as black, so this is a mega theory game 13.Kb1 0-0 14.c4 Qa5 15.Ne4 Rfd8 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Ng4 18.Qg3 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Nd6? always nice to put a N on d6, but B can take and

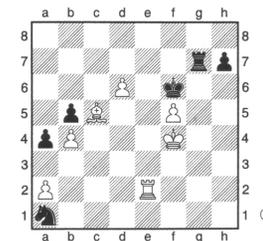
The Albuquerque Open Warm-up

Two weeks before the Open, 4 sections of Octagons took place at the Days Inn. Later in the day a birthday party was held in the main room so ear plugs were provided to players! TD Art Byers named the section after birds of prey this time. The Eagles section was won by David Langlois and Jim Johnston. Gabe Ewing and Jeffrey Serna won the Ospreys. Tim Martinson was the only outright section winner when he swept the Falcons, while Gabriel Maestas and Rod Avery won the Hawks. The following were the most interesting games we saw there.

2) Bob Hampton - Dante Archuleta ABQ Open Warm-up Santa Fe (2) [Bird's] Hampton scores a neat win

1.f4 f5 Well this is an unusual position, but both players like to start with the f pawn. In round 3 Dante had the gall to open 1.f3 2.Kf2 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2 .0-0 6.Be2 d5? W already has stuff lined up on the e5 square so d6 would be better, or Qe8 7.0-0 c5 8.Qe1+/- Bd7 9.d3 Be8 10.Nbd2 Bh5 11.Ne5 Nbd7? 12.Ndf3 [\geq 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Bxh5 Bxa1

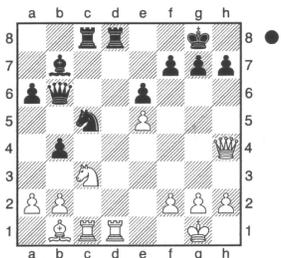
15.Qxa1+- wins 2 pieces for the rook] 12...Nxe5 13.Nxe5 d4 14.exd4 cxd4 15.Kh1 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Bc5 17.Rae1 Nd5 18.Nc4= [\geq 18.Nf3] 18...b5? 19.Qxe6+/- Kh8 20.Ne5 Ne3 21.Rf3 Qf6 22.Qxf6+- Rxf6 23.Nd7 Rc6 24.Nxc5 Rxc5 25.Bxd4 this B has been out of the game for so long. Now it makes up for lost time 25...Nxc2 26.Bxc5 Nxe1 27.Re3 Nc2 28.Re2 Na1 the N is trapped so W is already a piece up. No need to waste time taking it! 29.h3 Kg8 30.Kh2 Rc8 31.d4 a5 32.g4 fxg4 33.hxg4 a4 34.b4 g6 35.d5 Rc7 36.d6 Rd7 37.f5 gxf5 38.gxf5 Kf7 39.Kg3 Kf6 40.Kf4 Rg7?



this may not be the best placing of pieces when your opponent has a dark squared B 41.Re6+ Kf7 42.Re7+ Kf6 43.Bd4# 1-0

**(19) Jim Johnston - David Lan-
glois ABQ Open Warm-up
[Queen's Gambit Declined]**

This exciting draw gave both players a share of 1st place
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6
 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 dxc4
 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3+/- a6 10.0-0** B is planning to play c5 and Bb7 so W should stop this by [\geq 10.a4 b4 11.Ne4 Nxe4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Bxe4] **10...c5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Bb1= 0-0 14.Qe2** b4 has been possible for either side. Having played Qe2 I realised that b4 is strong here. W would have to go Qc2 just to give the N a sensible square, so maybe Qc2 at once was more logical. BUT W hopes to push the e pawn **14...Rc8 15.Rfd1 Qb6 16.e4 Rfe8** [\geq 16...b4 still the best choice] **17.Bxf6** [\geq 17.e5+] **17...Bxf6 18.e5 Be7 19.Qe3 Red8 20.Ng5 Bxg5 21.Qxg5 b4** finally **22.Qh4** Diagram

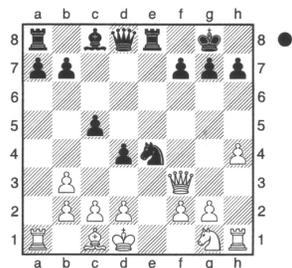


at the board I thought that B should try h6 but g6 gives a chance of a win **22...bxc3** [\geq 22...g6! 23.Ne4? Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Nxe4 25.Bxe4 Qd4 winning, so W would have to play Ne2 which should be equal] **23.Qxh7+** now B can't avoid the perpetual **23...Kf8 24.Qh8+ Ke7**

(Ne2 which should be equal] **23.Qxh7+** now B can't avoid the perpetual **23...Kf8 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qh4+ Kf8 26.Qh8+ 1/2-1/2**

**Sarracino, John S. -
Martinson, Timothy ABQ Open
Warmup Albuquerque (2)
[Vienna]**

This miniature is presented, with but a few Fritz variations, because of the fine 18th move by black.
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 last book move **4...Ng5 5.h4 Ne6 6.Qxe5 Nc6 7.Qg3** [\geq 7.Qe4!?!=] **7...Bd6-/+ 8.Qe3 Ncd4 9.Bb3 Bc5 10.Qe5 Nxb3 11.axb3 0-0** [\geq 11...d6 12.Qe4 0-0+] **12.Ne4?** [\geq 12.Nf3!? b6 13.Qe4-/+] **12...Re8 13.Kd1?** [\geq 13.Kf1 Bb4 14.Ng3+] **13...d5 14.Nxc5 Nxc5 15.Qc3 Ne4 16.Qd4 c5 17.Qe3 d4 18.Qf3**



18...Bg4!! 0-1

**Munir Hammad - Joe Fitzpatrick
ABQ Open Warm-up (2)
[Morra Gambit]**
 Ramzi punishes a blunder
**1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3
 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4
 Bg4?** Diagram

The Santa Fe Open U1700 and Open Sections.

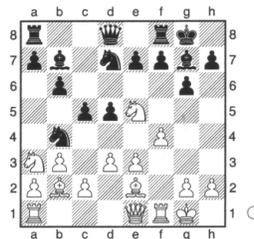
Comment By Jim Johnson

In the U1700 section, Nakul Deshpande was clear 1st on 3.5 while 4 players, Albert Zuo, Steve Anderson, Justin Gomez and Sam Dooley scored 3 points and split the remaining cash prizes.

In the Open Section Zach Stuart continued his recent fine run of results when he held top seed Jim Wilson to a draw in round 2. These 2 won their other 3 games to be joint winners. Equal 3rd were Carlos Santillan, Alexander Kornienko and Jim Johnston. I see from the index that there have been a lot of Johnston's games in recent issues, so there follow games from most of the other winners

**Nakul Deshpande - Sam Dooley
Santa Fe Open U1700 (3)
[Bird's]**

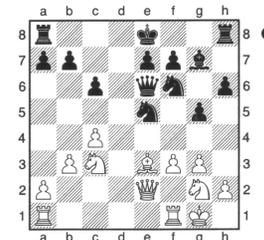
These 2 had a memorable tournament. Nakul won the U1700 section and 150 rating points while Sam's 2nd= finish put his rating up by 200 points! **1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.e3 Bb7 4.Be2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d3 d5 7.Ne5 0-0 8.b3 c5 9.Bb2 Nc6 10.Qe1 Nb4 11.Na3 Nd7** Diagram



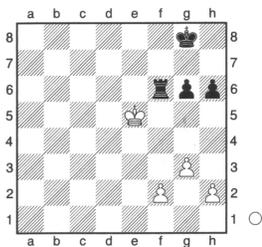
12.Nxd7? this should lose a piece [\geq 12.Qh4] **12...Bxb2-/+ 13.Nxf8 Kxf8?** [\geq 13...Bxa3-/+ and take the N next move] **14.c3+/- Bxa1 15.Qxa1 Nc6 16.c4** [\geq 16.f5] **16...d4 17.e4=** Nb4 back again, but B needs to consider the K-side [\geq 17...e6 and start to move stuff over to the K

side] **18.f5 a6 19.Qc1 Kg7 20.fxg6 hxg6 21.Qf4 f6 22.Rf3? Bc8 23.g4 e5 24.Qg3 Be6 25.g5 f5 26.Qxe5+ Kf7 27.Rh3 Qxg5+ 28.Kf2 Nxd3+? 29.Bxd3 Qd2+ 30.Be2 Kf8 31.Rh8+ Ke7 32.Rh7+** and it's mate in 2 **1-0**

**Steve Anderson - Bill Barfuss
Santa Fe Open U1700 (3)
[English]** Steve Anderson came 2nd = but was very fortunate to win here. **1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d6 5.e3 c6 6.Nge2 Bg4 7.0-0 Qd7 8.d4 Bh3 9.Nf4 Bxg2 10.Nxg2 h6 better to play h5 and threaten h4 later 11.Bd2 g5? 12.Qe2 Qe6 13.e4 Qh3 14.f3 Nbd7 15.e5=/+** [\geq 15.Nd1+/-] **15...dxe5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Be3-/+** [and not 17.Qxe5?? Ng4] **17...Qe6 18.b3**



White loses some of his big advantage. [\geq 46.Kf6 g5 47.Rf7+ Ke8 48.Kg6+-]46...Kg8+/- 47.Kf6 Rd6++/= 48.Ke7 Ra6 49.Rf4 Kg7 50.Rf7+ Kg8 51.Rf6 Ra7+ 52.Ke6 Ra6+ 53.Ke5 Rxf6??



Yes, the black idea, to achieve a draw, is to try to exchange rooks and pawns,

leaving white with only a white rook pawn and King vs. the black King which is a book draw if the black K can reach h8. White's plan is to avoid the rook exchange. However, this particular exchange of rooks leaves the White King in too powerful a position. See the following variation for the way Black might have held out. [\geq 53...Ra5+ 54.Kf4 Ra4+ 55.Ke5 Ra5+ 56.Kf4 Ra4+ 57.Kf3 Kg7+/=] 54.Kxf6+- Kh7 55.h4 [\geq 55.f3 h5 56.h4 Kh6+-] 55...g5 h5 would have been better as the move made allows white to get the h-pawn off the file and, ends all drawing chances for Black. 56.hxg5 hxg5 57.Kxg5 Black could have resigned in this hopeless position.57...Kg7 58.f4 Kf7 59.f5 Kg7 60.f6+ Kf7 61.g4 Kg8 62.Kg6 Kf8 63.f7 Ke7 64.Kg7 1-0

California! Here He Comes!!

By Jim Johnston

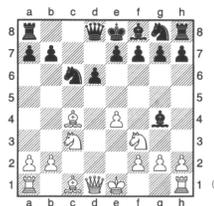


After a quiet spell, our local GM star player recently competed in 2 international events.

As I write, at the end of September, GM Jesse Kraai has just finished clear 1st in a big weekend open in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Jesse's next outing will be to Beijing, where from 10/03 to 18, the world's top players are competing in the chess events of the World Mind Games. 5 players rated over 2700 head the field, while Kraai is the 59th seed. With events in Rapid and Blitz, for men, women and teams, it will no doubt be possible to emulate Michael Phelps and come home with a bunch of Gold Medals.

I don't know whether Jesse will be defending his State Championship title as you read this information. If so it may be his last appearance in NM for some time. He is re-locating to San Francisco very soon or indeed if he is not at Day's Inn he may already have moved there. Jesse, we hope these will be exclam moves!

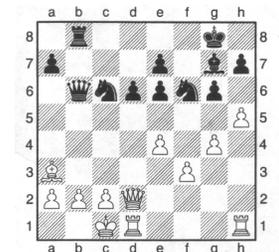


B has to get the move order right. He needs to play e6 soon so would like to get this B out. B must play Nf6 first and probably a6 before that. Now the King must have his suitcase packed as he's off on a trip! 7.Bxf7+- Kxf7 8.Ng5+ Ke8 9.Qxg4 Nf6 10.Qe6 Qc8 [\geq 10...Ne5] 11.Qf7+ Kd7 12.Bf4 Nd4 13.Rd1 so many tempi 13...Nc2+ 14.Kf1 Ne8 15.Nb5 h6 16.Qe6+ [\geq 16.Nxd6 might save the black K from further travel] 16...Kc6 17.Qd5+ Kb6 18.Nf7 Rg8 19.Qb3 Ka6 20.Rc1 Qg4? well he could play Rc2 allowing mate in 1 21.Nd4 b6 22.Qc4+ Kb7 23.Qc6+ Ka6 24.Qxc2 darn, he saw it! 24...Qxf4 25.Qa4+ Kb7 26.Qc6+ Ka6 27.Rc3 1-0

Munir Hammad - Jonathan Gardner
ABQ Open Warm-up Santa Fe (1)
[Modern]

B starts with a cramped position but once he frees his B the attack crashes through. 1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nf6 5.f3 b6 6.Qd2+/= W has space 6...c5 7.0-0-0 [\geq 7.dxc5] 7...Nc6 8.dxc5 bxc5 9.Bxc5 Qa5 [\geq 9...dxc5]

10.Ba3 0-0= 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.Ne2 Rb8 13.Nec3 Qa5 14.Nb5? [\geq 14.Nxf6+] 14...Rxb5 15.Bxb5 Qxb5-+ 16.h4 Be6 17.Nc7 Qb6 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.g4 [\geq 19.Qd3] 19...Rb8 20.h5



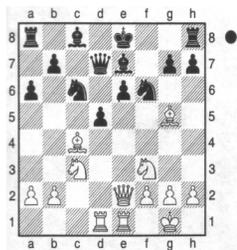
B to play and win

20...Nxe4 21.fxe4 Bxb2+ forces

Shaun Bloom- Gabriel Ewing
Warm-up, Albuquerque (2)
[Morra Gambit]

Comment by Art B. The Morra Gambit seems to be a frequent visitor to DK pages. In the middle game, White gets impatient and makes a highly speculative sacrifice that puts black into the driver's seat. 1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Be4 a6 So far this is all book. 7.e5 e6= 8.Bg5 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Qe2 Qd7 Fritz suggests 10...Kf7 as slightly better. Black's actual 10th. looks O.K. 11.0-0+/= Be7 12.Rfe1 d5 13.Rad1

See diagram next page



Let's evaluate the position: White has all pieces developed, rooks connected and is bearing down with major pieces on the backward Black e-pawn. Black has a Bishop & useless Rook on their original Squares. It certainly looks like White is better. Even so, **Fritz thinks the Black position is defensible. 13...0-0?** [>=13...Qd6= Fritz's suggestion makes the Black c8 B the primary defender of the backward pawn.] **14.Bd3??** White overlooks a possible combination based on the fact that the B K is on the a2-g8 Diagonal. [>=14.Bxf6!? removing a guard of the d5 pawn 14...Bxf6 15.Nxd5+- (Now if 15...exd5 16.Rxd5 And the B Q has no good squares where it will not be lost to the coming discovered check.) **14...Ne8??** [>=14...Qc7-/+] **15.Bxe7+/- Nxe7 16.Ne5** [16.Ng5!? g6 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 18.Qxe6+ Bxe6 1 9 . R x e 6 + / -] **1 6 . . . Q c 7** [>=16...Qd6=] **17.Bxh7+??** The position of the B K surely looks porous, but the sac is not sound. **17...Kxh7-+ 18.Rd3 Rf5 19.Rh3+ Kg8 20.Nd1?** [20.g4 Rxe5! 21.Qxe5 Qxe5 22.Rxe5-+] **20...Nf6 21.Nf3 Ng6 22.Rg3 Nf4 23.Qd2 Ne4 24.Rxe4 dxe4 25.Nh4 Rd5 26.Qe1 Qc1 0-1**

Letters to *Desert Knight*

During the June 2008 Albuquerque Open, A few players had dinner at the "Sizzler" on Menaul. In the lively supper conversation about chess, DK assistant editor Art Byers held forth the opinion that "Youth and Innocence will always be overcome by Age and Treachery".

In early August, Art received the following Email from one of the diners: motorcycle biker, teacher, USCF Certified TD, chess psychologist, and chess player *par excellence*, **Damian Nash** of Utah:

"Proud to let you know that I am practicing my treachery against the energy and enthusiasm of youth:

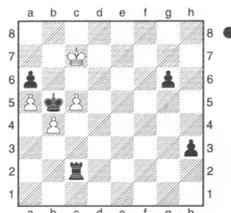
Houston Chess Club Saturday Game 60 tournament, 7/28/2008 Hannah Liu (1510, age 7 1/2) vs. Damian Nash (1926, about 6 times older)

1. d4, Nf6 2. c4, e5!? (the Budapest Gambit, risky against experienced players) **3. dxe5, Ng4 4. Nf3, Nc6 5. Bf4, Bb4+ 6. Nbd2** (Nc3 considered better), **6.... Qe7 7. a3 Ngxe5** (oops!?) **8. axb3** I'll let you figure out the rest of the game from there.

Amazing to me that at age 7 1/2, Hannah has played in 120+ rated tournaments, and I've been playing rated events regularly for 30 years and am only up to about 160.

Damian"

20.Qh3-+]19.Qxh5 White should have tried to keep his Q on the board in hope of generating some sort of counter play. **19...Nxb5 20.g4 Nf6** Still a rook behind, White plays on and later wins the black N **21.g5 Ne4 22.Rf1 f6 23.h4 a6-+ 24.Kg2 fxe5 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 26.hxe5 Rf5 27.c4 Nxe5 28.c5 Rf8??** Hallucination!! **Black loses his Knight for no good reason** [>=28...Re5 29.Kf2 Ne4+ 30.Kf3 Nxe5-+] **29.Bxe5 Rc8 30.b4 Kf7 31.a4?! Ke6 32.Be3 Kd5 33.a5 Kc6 34.Bd4 Kb5 35.Bc3 g6 36.Kf3 Rd8 37.Kf4 Rd3 38.Be1 Rd8 39.Kg5 Rd1 40.Bc3 Rh1 41.Kf6 Rg1 42.Bd4 Rg4 43.Bc3 h5 44.Bd2 h4 45.Ke6 h3 46.Kd6 Rd4+ 47.Kc7 Rxd2 48.Kb7-+ Rc2-+ 49.Kc7**



49...Rxc5+! 0-1



Can you name the actors and the Movie?

Cameron McMillan – Randy Ellsworth [C 4 5] Santa Fe Open (1),

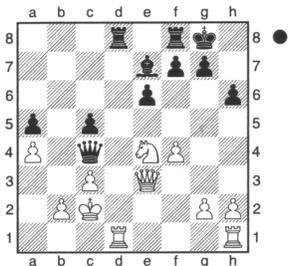
C45: Scotch Game. Cameron Finished in a tie for Second place and certainly started round 1 on the best foot by winning a piece within the first few Moves. Randy holds out until resigning at move 64 - and even missed a chance to almost equalize at move 53. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Nge7??** [>=5...Qf6 6.c3 Nge7=] **6.Nxc6+- Nxc6 7.Bxc5 d6 8.Be3 0-0 9.Bd3 Qf6 10.Nc3 Ne5 11.Nd5 Nxd3+ Randy does not observe the general rule that when you are behind a piece, it is to your opponent's advantage to exchange pieces. See white's 15th move - Cameron does know the principle. 12.cxd3 Qxb2 13.0-0 c6 14.Ne7+ Kh8 15.Nxc8 Raxc8 16.Qb3 Qxb3 17.axb3 a6 18.Rfc1 Rc7 19.Bb6 Rd7 20.g3 f5 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Re1 h6 23.Be3 Rb5 24.Rab1 a5 25.Bf4 b6 26.Bd2 Rd5 27.Re3 c5 28.Kf1 Ra7 29.Ra1 b5 30.Rxa5 Rxa5 31.Bxa5 c4 32.dxc4 bxc4 33.b4 Rb5 34.Ke2 g6 35.Re6 d5 36.Re5 [>=36.Rb6 Rxb4 37.Bxb4+-] 36...Kg7 37.Ke3 Kf6 38.Kd4 c3 39.Bd8+ With the clarity of hindsight, this will prove not to be a happy square for the W B. **39...Kf7 40.Kxc3 [>=40.Re7+ Kf8 41.Kxc3 Rb8+-] 40...d4+ 41.Kxd4 Rxb4+ 42.Kd5 Rb2 43.Re7+ Kf8 44.Kd6 Rd2+ If White tries to save his B with 45. Kc7 he might have to settle for a perpetual or even the loss of two K-side Pawns. 45.Ke6 Rxd8 46.Rf7+??****

Santa Fe Open U1400 Section

One hundred and sixty seven years of experience triumph!! Miles Tom Pigot at 85 years young and Art Byers at age 82 tied for first place – both undefeated with 3 1/2 points. They played each other to a fourth round draw in an equal position with opposite color Bishops. Just below at 3 points were Brady Barkmeyer and Cameron Kyle Mc Millan. Just below those two, but still on the plus side at 2 1/2 were Raul McElroy and Daniel Tellez. Comments in the following 3 games are by Art Byers variations are by Shredder 11.

2) Lucas Finnegan – Art Byers [B18] Santa Fe Open G/60 SF Woman's Club & Library (1)

B18: Classical Caro-Kann: 4...Bf5 sidelines 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Nc5 The more usual move is 5. Ng3 but the move made is still "book" 5...Qc8 6.Bf4 [6.Nf3 e6+ =] 6...b6 7.Nb3 Centralizing the WN with 7.Nd3 looks better. 7...Nf6 8.f3 e6 9.Qd2=/+ Be7 10.0-0 h6 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nbd7 13.Qc3?? This boo boo allows Black to greatly improve the position of his Knights. [>=13.Ne2 =] 13...Nd5-+ 14.Qd2 N7f6 15.c3 [15.Be5!?=+/+] 15...a5-/+ 16.a4 Nxf4 17.Qxf4-/+ 0-0 18.Ne2 Nd5 19.Qe5 Qa6 20.Nd2 Rad8 21.Nf4 Nxf4 22.Qxf4 Bg5 23.Qg3 c5 24.f4 Bf6 The immediate 24...Be7 would have saved a tempo 25.Ne4 Be7-/+ 26.dxc5 bxc5 27.Qe3 Qc4 28.Kc2??



28...Qxa4-+ 29.b3 Qa2+ 30.Kc1 c4 31.Rd2 Qa1+ 31...Ba3+ Kd1 32. Qa1+ Also wins the rook on h1 as in the game. 32.Kc2 With the white rook on h1 "hanging", Black has the game in hand. 32...cxb3+ 33.Kxb3 Rb8+ 34.Kc4 Rfc8+ 35.Kd3 Qxh1 With the advantage of a full rook and a pawn, black went on to win. 0-1

Robert Warnock – Tom Pigott (1201) [B54] Santa Fe Open B54: Sicilian: 2...d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4, Unusual Lines 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Be4 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.f3 e5 8.Nc3 last book move 8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Be3 Bb7 11.f4 exf4 12.Rxf4 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Bxd5?? White hands over the initiative. [>=14.Bb3 =] 14...Bxd5 [>=14...Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.c4-+] 15.Rd4-+ [>=15.Rxf6 Bxf6 16.Nxd5 Bxb2 17.Rb1-+] 15...Bc5 16.Nxd5 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Qxd5 A piece Down, White Plays on. 18.Qh4 Qh5-+ [>=18...Rfc8 19.c3 Rab8

Product review: The DGT 960 Chess Clock— By Art Byers

Featured in the USCF Sales Summer 2008 Catalog as a “shirt pocket” digital chess clock, the DGT 960 is much smaller and more compact than any of the popular chess clocks currently on the market. Let’s take the lesser qualities first and the better qualities next.

#1: The LCD display figures are only 1/2” high. Compare this to the two “Platinum” clocks – the Chronos and the Dual Timer – where the display numbers are 11/16”. In fact, even the very inexpensive somewhat fragile and quite bulky Chess Timer has an 11/16” display. Those extra 3/16 of an inch do make a difference in ease of read. The 1/2” display is only just adequate.

#2: The DGT 960 is a one period clock with no “User Presets”. On starting, the clock defaults to the previous setting before it was shut down. This means you have to reset it when you want a different time period. This is common with most inexpensive clocks and may not be considered a drawback by many players.

#3: The accompanying printed instruction booklet is in a **very small type font** and is not the easiest to read. However, you can download the instructions from the sales site and print them out with larger type. This is a simple chess clock and so the instructions are not too complicated – but it did take a while for me to become comfortable with the clock as the setting process is quite different from my usual clock.

#4 On the down side, the only way to tell which clock is running is the flashing colon “:” on the clock that is running. There is no light emitting diode for each side. Even the el cheapo Chess Timer has that feature.

Good Features: #1: The price is reasonable (\$37.75 to USCF members - plus shipping and there is a coupon in the catalog for a **10% discount.**) When the best highest quality **multi-multi featured** clocks now go for around \$100, including tax, the low cost has to be an asset.

#2 There is the ability for both delay and increment – a true necessity for any chess tournament clock these days. It will also do “move timer” – for example you could set it to allow 10 or 15 seconds per move for really rapid chess – though I don’t believe 10 second chess is very popular these days.

#3 When the clock is paused, the time can easily be adjusted up or down for either or both players – i.e.: the tournament director is adding one minute or so to your time as a penalty on your opponent – or – you are headed into a second time period and have to add that amount of time to one or both players.

#4 The prime “extra” is the ability to generate Fischer random, now usually known as “960”, initial positions. This is one reason why the display numerals are a bit smaller than usual as the one line of randomly generated 960 positions takes up space on the LCD. That one line can be hidden if you want a less cluttered screen, but does not increase the size of the numbers.

Overall evaluation – O.K. worth the money - but not a replacement for the full featured more expensive clocks.

Fun Chess Anagrams

by Jeff Burch and Jim Johnston

A while ago I emailed Dr J about best game prizes for NMCO events. He told me he had discovered an online anagram engine, anagramgenius.com, and had been having fun rearranging NM chess names. Jeff said "thought you might be amused ... These are the names of friends and other folks I know, there's no rhyme or reason to it..."

Jesse Kraai = Sea is a jerk
 Tony Schroeder = Record Honesty
 Munir Hammad = Main mud harm
 Silas Perry = Rip Slayers
 John Baxter = Jar, then box
 Art Byers = Try Bears
 Dean Brunton = Burned on ant
 Art Glassman = A smart slang
 Steve Sandager = Vast renegades
 Frances Perrault = Careful, partners!
 Richard Sherman = His darn charmer
 Wayne Hatcher = Chat anywhere!
 Andy Nowak = Yawn and OK
 Robert Haines = Heroine's brat
 Jeffrey Sallade = Deaf jelly fears
and some institutions...

Desert Knight = Get the drinks
 New Mexico Open = Weep once,
 mix on
 New Mexico Seniors = Now sexier
 incomes
 Meadowlark Senior Club = I am
 workable scoundrel
 Valencia County Chess Club =
 Convulse staunch celibacy

US Chess Federation = Softhead
 sinecures

So I went to the program and entered some names from the last DK....
 Dale Gibbs = Is gabbled
 Dave Langlois = Golden saliva

Douglas Thigpen = Pushed gloating
 Chris Candelario = Anarchic soldier
 Dante Archuleta = Tentacular head
 Brad M Earlewine = Win, able
 dreamer
 Ryan McCracken = Can crank mercy
 Leroy Quintana = Query national
 Irina Krush = Rakish ruin
All the above were brought to you by:
 Past president Dr. J = prints
 darned projects,
 DK editor Johnston = not on this
 odd jerk!

Chad Schneider Wins the State of New Mexico 2008/2009 Blitz Championship.

The Santa Fe Woman's Club and Library was the scene of **Chad Schneider's** overwhelming victory in this year's Blitz Championship. With 12 1/2 points out of a possible 14.

Second place finisher, **Gabe Ewing**, whose chess improves with each tournament, made it a race by scoring 11 points. This was 2 1/2 points better than the three who tied for 3rd place: **Wayne Hatcher, Jason Stoneking** and **John Flores**.

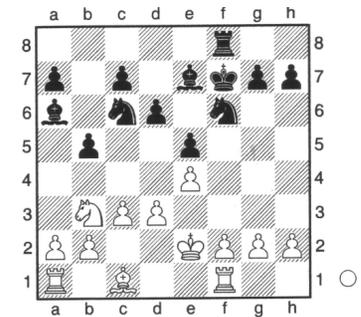
As no score sheets are required in Blitz, we have no games to print. In addition to prize money, Chad received a certificate, suitable for framing, as proof of his achievement.

considering pushing the black f-Pawn but disconnecting the black rooks. Neither player seems to want control of the open C-file. Why?
14. Ng5 Bxd2 15. Qxd2
 [>=15.Bxh7+!? Kh8 16.Bd3+/-
 (16.Qxd2?! g6=)] **15...Qb4?!**
 [>=15...Nf6=] **16.Qc2 1/2-1/2**

Orion Rojas-Granger (969) – Christian Gonzalez (1050) [C55] Santa Fe Open U1100 Santa Fe Woman's Club (3), 13.09.2008

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4
 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 d6 4.d3
Nf6 5.Nbd2 Be7 6.c3 0-0 last book
 move **7.Qb3 b6 8.Ng5** [8.0-0 Na5
 9.Qc2 a6=] **8...Qe8** [8...d5 9.exd5
 Na5 10.Qa4-/+] **9.Nxf7** This speculative sacrifice of some material does not work out as well as White had hoped - primarily because after all the exchanges, white does not have enough troops activated. This is why Shredder's suggested 8.0-0 bringing the WK to safety and putting a R on the f-file was better. Perhaps 9.Ndf3, advancing another piece and opening a diagonal for the c1 B, would also be playable. [>=9.Qa4!?!=/+] **9...Rxf7-/+**
10.Bxf7+ Qxf7 11.Qxf7+ Kxf7 The Blood Bath is over! Look at White's lack of development! Black now has some advantage.
12.Nb3-+ Ba6-+ 13.Ke2 Rf8
14.Rf1?! [14.f3-+] 14...b5?

Diagram



Blocking his B. Black did not see the easy win of the white e-pawn due to the pin on the white d-pawn. 14...Nxe4 should have been obvious. **15.Be3 b4 16.f4 16.f3** looks better as now Black could still capture the e4-pawn. **16...Ke6 17.fxe5** [>=17.c4!?!-/+] **17...Nxe5-+ 18.h3??** The Shredder "???" is not quite fair because White is lost-lost-lost. Now Christian Makes a quick mate. [>=18.c4 Nxc4! 19.Bd4-+] **18...Bxd3+ 19.Kd2 Nxe4+ 20.Kc1 Rxf1# 0-1**

NAME THAT GM CONTEST See page #29

Earliest entry by, post-mark, with all or the most correct answers will receive a gift certificate good for one free entry in any 2009 NMCO tournament.

2008 Santa Fe OPEN U1100 section

64 players competed in 4 sections. Top honors were taken by Dale Kellegrew, 3.5 points, who almost doubled his pre-tournament 349P5 provisional rating to 692P9. Close behind at 3 points were Tim Tran, Christian Gonzales and Ian Nicholas Jones. Chris & Ian had a chance to tie for first place, playing each other in the last round, but drew rather quickly. Game comments are by Art Byers, variations are by Shredder 11.

(Dale, Kellegrew (349) - Tim, Tran (896) [D07] Santa Fe Open U1100 (3), 13.09.2008

D07: Queen's Gambit: Chigorin Defense Tim Tran tied for second - but did not submit any of his score sheets. Nor were the scores of any of his opponents, other than this one, reconstructable. This see-saw game put Dale in position to take 1st place in the last round.
1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.a3 Bxc3+ Perhaps, this shows that Tim was not thinking positionally. Tim's center pawns now cover light squares. Instead of this exchange, the black Bishop might have been preserved to cover dark squares. Not that I don't like the Chigorin but the whole excursion to b4 at black's third move seems wasted.
6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e4 Dale correctly seeks control of the center.
7...b5 8.a4 Ba6 9.e5 Nge7+/- The complications after 9...b4, undermining the support of the White d4-pawn, slightly favor black. For example: 10.cxb4 Nxb4 11.Qd2 Nd5
10.Bg5 0-0 11.Be2 [11.axb5 Bxb5 12.Be2 h6=]**11...Rb8** Again, 11...b4 to undermine the W d4-pawn looks a little better.
12.a5? Dale lets Tim gain some advan-

tage. [>=12.axb5 Bxb5 13.0-0/+ =]**12...b4-/+ 13.Qa4?** [>=13.cxb4!/? h6 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.0-0/+]**13...bxc3+** Tim is winning!
14.Bxc4?! [14.0-0 Qd5 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Rfc1-+]**14...Nxd4??** Tim overlooks 14...Rb4 winning the white c4 B.
15.Bxa6+/= Nxf3+? 15...c5 holds the black N in the center but after 16. Nxd4 .cxd4, Black can't hold the two passed pawns after 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qxd4.
16.gxf3+- Qd2+?? A blunder - Overlooking the W B on g5
17.Bxd2 cxd2+ 18.Kxd2 1-0

(1) Christian Gonzales (969) - Ian Jones (892) [D10] U1100 Santa Fe Open (4), 13.09.2008

D10: Slav Defence: 3 cxd5 (without early Nf3) and 3 Nc3. Here is a last round "Grandmaster Draw", at the U1100 level, that resulted in a 3-way tie for 2nd place money.
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.c3 cxd4 4.cxd4 Nc6 5.e3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.Nbd2 e6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Bb4 [11...Nb4 12.Bb1=/+]
12.Bd2= Qb6 13.b3 Ne8 Perhaps

The Denker Experience by John Flores

I would like to express my thanks again for all the support I received from the New Mexico Chess Organization, New Mexico Scholastic Chess, and Martin Cooper, to enable me to attend the Denker in Dallas, Texas.

This was really an exciting new experience for me. Never have I played in a tournament with so many experts and masters. Out of 48 total players, there were approximately 25 players over 2000, four of them being masters, and one a Foreign Master.

Probably my most memorable game was against master and Chess Life writer, Jonathan Hilton. With the lack of master activity in New Mexico, I was filled with excitement (and maybe a bit of nervousness) at the thought of playing a master in my first round. Once we shook hands and started the game though, all nervousness went out the door as I focused on what I had come to do: Play chess!

I say that this was my most memorable game because I felt that it was my best-played game of the tournament. I held a pawn advantage for most of the long game until I started to slip into time pressure, and lost. After the game though, my opponent repeatedly congratulated me on my strong play and shook my hand multiple times.

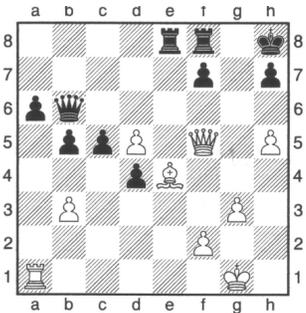
I ended the tournament with 3 points out of 6, finishing in 29th place. I enjoyed this tournament not only because there was some great chess on display, but also because it gave me the chance to meet people my age from all over the country with the same love for chess. I exchanged contact info with most of my opponents, one of them even contacting me 20 minutes after he returned home from the tournament!

(John's Game vs. Jonathan Hilton is on the next page)

The mission of NMCO is more than just running chess tournaments. When you take part in a NMCO Chess tournament, a small amount of your entry fee goes to support the NM winning candidates for the Polgar Girls and Denker Boys chess tournaments. In 2008, each received \$150 towards their travel expenses.

**(2) Jonathon Hilton - John Flores
Denker Tournament (1)****[Reti]**

Hilton featured this game on his blog at USchess online. All comments are borrowed from it (Ed)
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2 dxc4 6.0-0 Be7 7.e3!? a risky move 7...b5 8.Qe2 Bb7 9.b3 cxb3 10.axb3 Nbd7 11.Rd1 Qb6 12.e4 c5 a bold decision 13.Nc3 a6 14.d5!? highly risky 14...0-0-/+ 15.Bg5 Rae8 16.d6? a bluff. Qc2 is better but I felt the need to sac 16...Bxd6 17.Bxf6 gxf6? too trusting [>=17...Nxf6 18.e5 Nd5 19.Ne4 Be7-+] 18.Qd2 Be5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qh6 Ng6 21.h4= e5 22.h5 [>=22.Nd5] 22...Ne7 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.exd5 Nf5-+ I had overlooked this move 25.Qd2 Nd4 26.Be4 f5!? 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Rxd4! exd4 29.Qxf5



29...Qh6? [29...Rxe4 30.Qxe4 leaves B a pawn up but with poor K cover]
30.Rxa6! f6 31.Ra7 Rxe4 32.Qxe4 Qxh5 33.d6 [>=33.Qe7] 33...Qg6 a tricky defense 34.Qd5 Qg5 35.Qb7 and W's passed pawn is unstoppable 35...Qg6 36.d7 d3 37.Qd5 Rd8 38.Ra8 Rxa8 39.Qxa8+ Kg7 40.d8Q c4 41.Qf8# 1-0



The NMCO Annual July Picnic was held in a warm light Summer rain. Dean Brunton brought a small tent shelter but most of us had to play in the rain. None the less, it was a fun day and well attended.

Photos by Art Byers

TOP 100 ACTIVE Continued.

51	JULIAN TRUJILLO	1622	76	ROGER BRACHT	1440
52	JOSEPH FITZ-PATRICK	1619	77	DEREK GARCIA	1434
53	KENT M WEISNER	1600	78	ABDUL M QURBANZADA	1429
54	ELIOT O'BRIEN	1600	79	JEFFREY S SALLADE	1426
55	BROCK ROMERO	1591	80	JAMES REDMAN	1425
56	JEFFREY MICHAEL SERNA	1589	81	NAKUL DESHPANDE	1405
57	WILLIAM CHRISTENSEN	1587	82	ARTHUR W BAYLEY	1402
58	JOHN SARRACINO	1586	83	SAMUEL THOMPSON	1397
59	SHAUN MICHAEL BLOOM	1568	84	JOHN H HELWICK	1392
60	MICHAEL LOTT	1568	85	TIANGE PETER LI	1388
61	ALBERT ZUO	1565	86	JEFFREY BRANDT	1388
62	HOLLY J MC ROBERTS	1564	87	STEPHEN P MARQUEZ	1371
63	TIMOTHY MICHAEL MARTINSON	1543	88	ANTHONY A CHEN	1369
64	STEPHEN D AARONS	1526	89	MICHAEL T MARTINSON	1365
65	RICHARD J LASS	1519	90	ISAAC EWING	1361
66	ANTHONY R FLORES	1516	91	PAUL PADILLA	1338
67	LEROY QUINTANA	1511	92	ARTHUR J BYERS	1335
68	PETER L ZOLLINGER	1510	93	DANIEL J DUNNING	1331
69	JAMES S BROYLES	1500	94	DALE GIBBS	1330
70	DAVID L BACA	1500	95	SAM DOOLEY	1328
71	DANIEL RICHARD PASONO	1498	96	JAMES TROY ADAMS	1321
72	WILLIAM BARFUSS	1497	97	DONALD W DELAND	1315
73	JUSTIN A, GOMEZ	1488	98	GARY ANGLES	1312
74	ROBERT J NEWELL	1445	99	GERARD T ORTIZ	1296
75	PRESTON B HERRINGTON	1443	100	LARRY JAMES	1292

TOP 100 ACTIVE NM PLAYERS—USCF List 10/1/08

1	GM JESSE KRAAI	2573	26	DERICK D ARELLANO	1840
2	STEPHEN M SANDAGER	2230	27	KEVIN S KERNS	1807
3	CHRIS A CANDELARIO	2206	28	ELIAS-AXEL PETERSSON	1805
4	STEVE HARRINGTON	2148	29	RON CORARETTI	1801
5	ROBERT W HAINES	2100	30	CHARLES FRED BURROW	1794
6	BENJAMIN JAMES CORARETTI	2062	31	JIM A. JOHNSTON	1783
7	JAMES EUGENE WILSON	2033	32	ZACH WILLIAM STUART	1776
8	SAMUEL ECHAURE	2016	33	KYLE M LEEDS-TILLEY	1771
9	SILAS PERRY	2004	34	MUNIR HAMMAD	1765
10	CHASE MILES WATTERS	1978	35	W DAVID LEWIS	1749
11	CHAD A SCHNEIDER	1971	36	EMRE ENGINARLAR	1719
12	ARTHUR GLASSMAN	1947	37	REUBEN SBARGE	1715
13	LEONEL V ROSALES	1939	38	BRAD M EARLEWINE	1712
14	DANIEL WEISSBARTH	1899	39	GABRIEL RANDOLPH EWING	1693
15	DAVID A LANGLOIS	1895	40	EDWARD T LU	1686
16	WAYNE L HATCHER	1890	41	DEAN D BRUNTON	1684
17	ERIC MORROW	1881	42	ROBERT C HAMPTON	1673
18	JOHN RAYMOND FLORES	1868	43	DANTE ALEXANDER WALKER	1671
19	DOUGLAS BYRON THIGPEN	1868	44	EDWARD SEDILLO	1662
20	BRAD D PETERSON	1867	45	GEORGE ZUO	1660
21	NATHAN BENJAMIN MENSAY	1863	46	DAVID M LOPEZ	1659
22	THOMAS F HELDT JR	1862	47	CRAIG A LEWIS	1647
23	STEVEN D YOUNG	1862	48	RODELIO RONQUILLO	1646
24	DWIGHT D DITRICK	1851	49	MICHAEL S TORRES	1644
25	JEFFREY A SUNDELL	1844	50	DANTE ARCHULETA	1624

Selection Criteria for Games in
Desert Knight
by the Editors

First, **You have to submit the score sheet!** Games that are never turned in, obviously, never make it into print. Look for the plastic tray with the sign: “Turn in score sheets here”.

Second, the score sheet submitted must be accurate and legible. Sometimes, even with the score from both players, games cannot be reconstructed and the score sheets end up in the shredder.

Third, it helps if the game was one that determined a section 1st or 2nd place winner.

Fourth, a good, sound and brilliant combination or a fine end game are a big plus. **If you think you played a great game, then write on the top of the score sheet “DK WORTHY”**

Fifth, We look for games from frequent players in NMCO tournaments who never, or seldom, have had a game published.

Sixth, If the game is instructive – that is players can learn something of value – we give it extra consideration.

Last, what we really like is for **YOU to give us your comments**, the thoughts that went through your mind as you examined the positions over the board and your own annotations. Send the game to the editor

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UNM Chess Club Sponsors a Successful Tandem Simul

On the Evening of September 18th, The UNM Chess club, under the leadership of Anthony Chen, played host, to two well known American International Masters, for a dual Simul. The masters alternated turns at each board and were not allowed to consult each other. 20 players took on IM Irina Krush and IM David Pruess—plus—there were a bunch of paying spectators for the pre-Simul lecture.

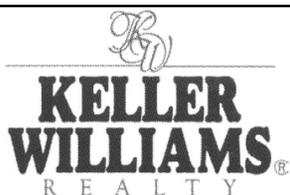
Three players achieved remarkable results. **Congratulations to: Winner, John Flores. Also Dean Brunton and Robert Hampton achieved difficult draws.**



Irina and David making their rounds vs. 20 chess enthusiasts
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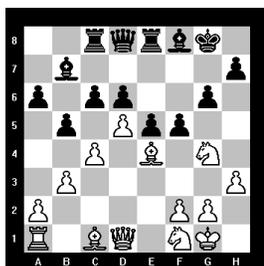


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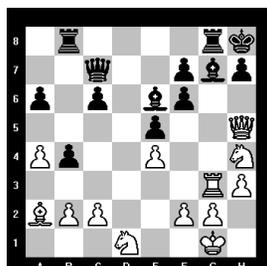
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By Puzzle Master Daniel Pasono

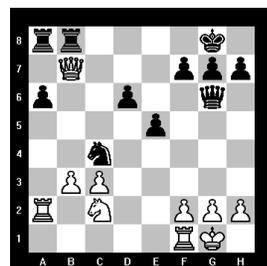
This edition's Puzzle Page's theme is hodgepodge. It contains a little something for everyone. A couple of the puzzles are easy, a couple are hard, some are early in the game, some are late, etc. It's a general representation of what one might encounter while playing chess over a number of years. See page 42 for the answers, and remember, Have fun!



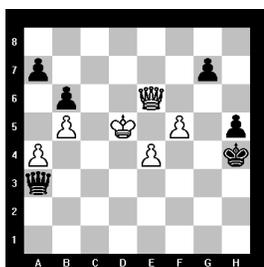
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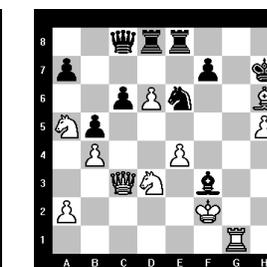
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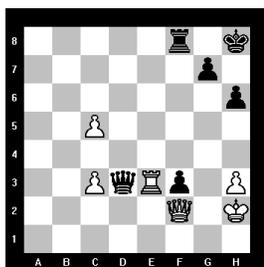
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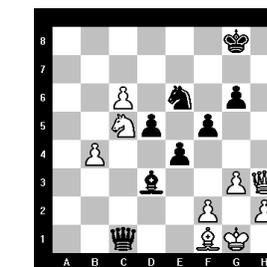
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#7 Black to move



#8 White to move



#9 Black to move

The Albuquerque Open

On the 28th and 29th of June 75 players competed in this event. We were pleased to welcome competitors from Texas, Arizona and Colorado as well as our regular clients. VP John Baxter secured sponsorship for the tournament from Nouveau Cosmeceuticals, so we should all have softer skin and better complexions when we next compete. The Nouveau sponsorship provided upset prizes and rating prizes to such an extent that 30 players received or shared a prize! In the top section 2 masters and 5 experts took part. In recent ABQ tourneys there have been considerably fewer, indeed the last time we had 2 masters was the 05 NM Open when one IM and 2 masters took part.

Steve Sandager won the Open Section. Steve has played less slow chess recently, (though he was one of the masters there in 05), but younger players may not have known that he holds 12 State championships, and has won a lot of NM tourneys over the years. He was ahead of Silas Perry, Ben Coraretti and Stephen Chase who came in 2nd 3rd and 4th. The rating prize was shared by Damian Nash, Douglas Thigpen, Jim Johnston and Dante Archuleta. Dante started the weekend as the lowest rated entrant in the Open section, at 1451. Yet he scored 3 upsets against players 500 or more rating points higher than him! As well as his rating prize he won the Nouveau upset prize and the Nouveau best game prize.

In the U1800 section Emre Erlingarlar and Gabe Ewing shared 1st. 3rd prize was shared by Jeff Sallade and John Sarracino. In the U1400 the 3 players who tied for 1st all lost a game to one of the others. The winners were Tim Martinson, Preston Herrington and John Helwick.

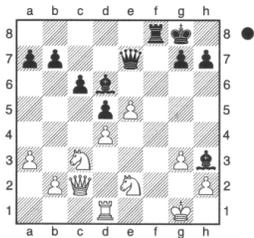
The U1000 section saw Joe Schrader take the 1st prize, though new player George Zuo went 5 and 0 to get the unrated award. Third place went to Elizabeth Wasilewska.

Jim Johnston _ Steve Chase ABQ Open Albuquerque (1) [QGD]

Round 1 games are often one-sided. Here Chase, an expert from Amarillo, ends the game with a neat combination 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 gaining the 2 Bs but it should be good for W 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Bxc4= W thinks he is gaining a tempo by taking with the undeveloped piece, but the B will have to move again, while the N would gain

a tempo on the Q [>=9.Nxc4+/=]
9...Bb4 10.Qc2 0-0 11.0-0 Re8
12.Nde4 Be7 13.Rad1
[>=13.Nxf6+] 13...Nd5 14.a3 f5
15.Bxd5 exd5=+ 16.Ng3 Rf8 it
seems Re8 was just intended to convince W that he would not be returning so soon 17.Nge2 Bd6 18.f3? wrong strategy. perhaps W could go f4 and try to get a N to e5
18...Qc7-/+ 19.g3 Qe7 20.e4
[>=20.Rd3] 20...fxe4 21.fxe4 Bh3
22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.e5

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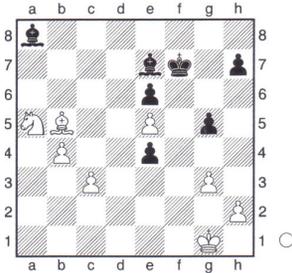
**B to play and win**

23...Bxe5 24.dxe5? [24.Nxd5 is the last chance to prolong the game]
24...Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Qf2 26.Rg1 Qf3+ 0-1

**Tony Schroeder - Munir Ham-
mad ABQ Open (1)**
[Catalan]

B does well in the opening but W's accurate middle game play gives him a won ending. TD Scott Kerns declared this the 2nd best played game of the tourney. 1.d4 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.0-0 Qc7 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.b4 can W follow up with c4? [>=9.c4] 9...Be7 10.Bb2 0-0 11.a3 Rd8 12.Qc2 b5!/=+ 13.Rfc1 Bb7 14.a4 a6 15.e3

Rac8 [>=15...e5] 16.axb5 axb5 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.exd4 Ra8 20.Nb3 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Ra8 22.Rxa8+ Bxa8= 23.Bc1 Qc6 now W gets play by chasing the Q 24.Na5 Qc7? 25.Bf4+/= Qd7 26.Bf1 Ne4 [>=26...Bc6] 27.f3+/- g5 28.Be5 f6 29.fxe4 dxe4 30.Qxb5 Qxb5 31.Bxb5 fxe5 3 2 . d x e 5 K f 7



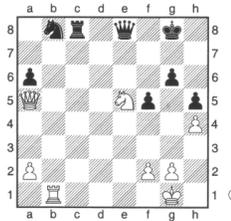
W to play and win 33.Bc6! wins as the other B is so bad 33...Bxc6 34.Nxc6 Bf8 35.Kf2 Kg6 36.g4 h5 37.h3 hxg4 38.hxg4 Kf7 the B pieces have nowhere to go 39.Ke3 Ke8 40.Kxe4 Kd7 41.Nd4 Be7 42.Kd3 Bf8 43.Nf3 Bh6 1-0



Picture from Quads By Knight

Photo by Art Byers.

23.Qxd5 Na5 24.Bd3 Rd8 25.Qe4 g6 26.h4 h5 27.e6 f5 28.Qa4 [>=28.Qe3 the action is on the K side] 28...a6 [>=28...Nbc6] 29.Bxa6 Bf5 opening up the K looks more logical 29...bxa6 30.e7 Qxe7 31.Qxa5 Rc8 again Nc6 was better 32.Ne5 Qe8? Diagram



now W has a forced win [>=32...Qd6 and B is back with a chance] 33.Qd5+! Kh8 34.Rb7 Rd8 35.Nxg6+ 1-0

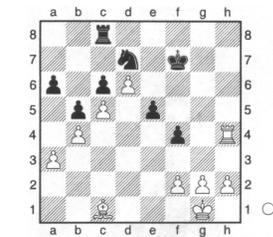
John Helwick - Tim Martinson
ABQ Open U1400 (3)

[2 Knights Defense]

In the U1400 section the 3 winners all played each other 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Nd4 6.c3 b5 for thoughts on this line see the notes to Coraretti - Langlois from the Open section 7.cxd4 bxc4 8.Qe2 [>=8.dxe5] 8...Qxd5 9.Qxe5+ Qxe5+ 10.dxe5 Ng4 ♠ 11.0-0 Bc5? [>=11...Nxe5 ♠] 12.Ne4 Bd4 13.h3 Nxe5 ♠ 14.Nbc3 0-0 15.Nd5 c6 16.Ne3 Ba6 17.Nc3 Nd3 18.Nf5 Bf6 19.b3 g6 20.Ne3 cxb3 21.axb3 Bb5 22.Ba3 Rfd8 23.Rfd1 Nf4 24.Nc4? [>=24.Ng4] 24...Bxc4 25.bxc4 Bxc3 26.dxc3 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Ne2+ 28.Kf1 and B is a little better but the score sheet stops here with 0-1

P Herrington - J Helwick
ABQ Open U1400 (5)
[QGD]

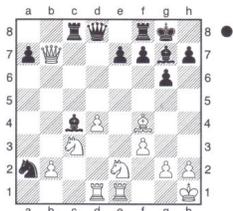
W gets a big advantage but then throws it all away 1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.cxd5 Nxd5+/= 4.e4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nf3 b5 7.Be2 e6 8.a3 Bb7 9.Qc2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rd1 h6 12.b4 c6 13.Ne5 Nh7? [>=13...a5] 14.Bb2 Bf6 15.Nd3 Nd7 16.e5 Bh4 17.Ne4+- Be7 18.Nec5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.dxc5 Qg5 21.Bd3 [>=21.Rd7] 21...g6 22.Be4 Rad8 23.Rd6 B is in big trouble 23...Rxd6 24.exd6 h5 25.Qc3 f6 26.Rd1 Rd8 27.Qf3 Qg4 28.Qxg4 hxg4 29.Bxg6 e5 30.Bf5 Nf8 31.Rd3 Bc8 32.Bxc8 Rxc8 33.Rg3 Kf7 34.Rxg4 Nd7 35.Bc1 f5

36.Rh4 f4

37.Bxf4? Now W only has 4 passed pawns for the piece! He should prefer Rh737...exf4 38.Rxf4+ Ke6 39.h4 Ne5 40.h5 Rh8 41.g4 Nf7 42.Kg2 Ne5 43.Kg3 Nc4 44.Rf3 Ne5 45.Re3 Kd5 46.Kf4?? Rf8+ 47.Kg3 Rg8 48.f4? Rxg4+ 49.Kf2 Rxf4+ and B is winning.. An incredible turnaround. W eventually resigned on the 84th move 0-1

Gabe Ewing - Emre Enginarlar
ABQ Open U1800 (5)
[Scandinavian]

Notes by Gabe Ewing. This was the critical last round game in the U1800 section. I (and two others) was a point behind, so I had to win to create a tie for 1st. **1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 c6** I was hoping for the popular **3...e6?** when I am free to play **5 d4** after swapping pawns. After **3...c6** I can't trade pawns without allowing a strong bind on d4 **4.d4 cxd5** Now we have transposed to the Panov - Botvinnik Attack against the Caro-Kann **5.Nc3 g6 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Qb3!?** [\geq 7.Bc4 is stronger] **7...Nb6 8.Bc4?** this trades my best piece for his worst **8...Nxc4 9.Qxc4 Bg7 10.Nge2 0-0 11.Bf4 Nc6 12.Rd1=/+ Bg4 13.f3 Bd7 14.0-0 Qb6 15.Kh1 Rac8** threatens Nd4 with a discovery on my Queen **16.Nd5 Qd8** [16...Qxb2 17.Rb1] **17.Qd3 Be6 18.Ndc3 Nb4 19.Qb5 Nxa2 20.Qxb7=/+ Bc4 21.Rfe1**



21...Bxe2? this loses a pawn **22.Nxe2 Qb6 23.Qxe7 Qxb2 24.Rb1 Qc2** around here we were both helped by a draw on board 2 **25.Qxa7 Rfe8 26.Ng1 Nc3 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Rb8 Rf8** We were both under 10 minutes by now. I had missed his last move. Before he played Rf8 I believed I was

winning large amounts of material. It was a letdown for me when I realized that I had a long end-game ahead. **29.Qa8 Qa4 30.Rxf8+ Bxf8 31.Qxa4 Nxa4** and I stopped recording. I have 2 things going for me in the end-game; I know how to checkmate with B and N (it didn't come down to that but it could have), and I have a passed pawn instead of a large lump on the kingside. Spectators who just saw the final few moves of the game were perhaps surprised that B's flag was down. I saw that his flag had fallen, but as the clock had just been adjusted and he only had 8 seconds left when it was put back down, I didn't think that it was fair to call it **1-0**

Dante Walker - Anthony Flores
ABQ Open U1800 (5)
[Caro-Kann]

Dante Walker used to play in all of our tournaments. This is his first one for 3 years **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Be2 e6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2** the B trade is good for W but I would go for the tempo [\geq 6.c3] **6...Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 Ne7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nh4 Nd7 10.Nxf5 Nxf5 11.Nf3= c5 12.c3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qb6 14.Qd2 Rac8 15.Rac1 Nb8?** this N does not move again [\geq 15...Ne7] **16.Bd3= Ne7 17.Rc3 Rxc3 18.bxc3 Nec6** better to get the other N out **19.Rb1** [\geq 19.Bxh7+] **19...Qc7 20.c4 dxc4 21.Bxc4 Rc8 22.d5+/- exd5**

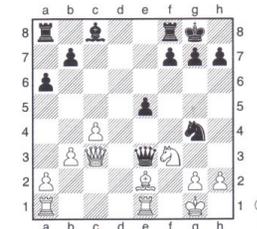
Ben Coraretti - David Langlois
ABQ Open Albuquerque (2)
[2 knights defense]

B tries an unusual line but W's tactics prevail **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Be4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Nd4** I have not seen this move played here before. The idea is to hit the B with b5. This is the Fritz variation. The silicone Fritz is not impressed, but my research suggests that the line has been a favorite with Los Alamos players for some time. Gerry Jungman used it with some success at the El Paso Open, when Kraai -Jungman was drawn **6.c3+/- b5 7.Bf1 Nxd5 8.Ne4 Qh4 9.Ng3+/- Bg4 10.f3 Nf5**



but W can get out of the pin **11.Bxb5+ Kd8 12.0-0+- Nxc3 13.hxc3 Qxc3 14.fxc4 Bc5+ 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Bd6 17.Qf3 Qh2+ 18.Kf2 Qh4+ 19.g3 Qh2+ 20.Qg2 Bxc3+ 21.Kf3 f5 22.Qxh2** [\geq 22.Qxc3] **22...Bxh2 23.Kg2** so W is a piece up and just needs to activate the remaining pieces to win smoothly **23...Rb8 24.Kxh2 Rxb5 25.Na3 Rb4 26.Rxf5 Rxd4 27.Nc2 Rd3 28.Ne1 Rd4 29.Nf3 Rd3 30.Ne5 1-0**

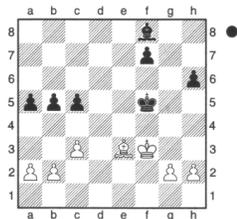
Dante Archuleta (1451) - Tony Schroeder (2006) [A03]
Albuquerque Open Albuquerque (2), Birds Opening. Comment by Silas Perry.1.f4 Dante takes a detour from his standard opening moves such as **1.h4 1...d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Be2** This B certainly would be happier on d3; white perhaps should play a less committal move such as **4.b3 4...Nc6 5.b3 Nf6 6.Bb2 Bd6** I would prefer the B to be placed on e7. It feels a bit in the way on d6. Rather inflexible **7.0-0 Qc7** So black intends to fight for e5. **8.Na3 a6 9.c4 d4 10.exd4 cxd4 11.Nc2 Bxf4 12.Ncx4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 e5 14.Be3 Bxe3+ 15.dxe3 0-0** The sign of an experienced player. Black consolidates his own position before picking on the newly created weakness. **16.Qc2?** Wastes a move since the Q will have to move again. **16...Qc5 17.Qc3 Ng4 18.Rfe1 Qxe3+?**



A fairly serious error. Black had an excellent position, but is too underdeveloped to make a move that opens the position. White's active pieces obtain the advantage. **19.Qxe3 Nxe3 20.Bd3 Ng4 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Rxe5 Be6 23.Be4 Rab8 24.Rd1 g6 25.Rd6 Rfe8 26.Rb6 Bd3 31.Bxa6+- Bb1 1-0**

Ron Coraretti - Jonathan Gardner
ABQ Open Albuquerque (2)
[Modern]

This fine game has fireworks up front and an exciting ending
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Nc6
5.Be3 e5? I would try to castle before playing this [\geq 5...Nf6 6.Be2 0-0] **6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Qxd8+/- Nxd8**
8.fxe5 Bxe5 9.Nf3 Bg7 W has more development **10.Bc4 c6 11.0-0 h6**
12.Rae1 Ne6 13.e5 Ne7 14.Ne4 Nf5
15.Bc1 0-0 16.c3 b5 17.Bd3 Rd8
18.Bc2 a5 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.Bxf5 W tries to open up the K but he needs bishops for the attack [\geq 20.Be4] **20...gxf5 21.Nh4 Nc5 22.Nxf5 Nd3**
23.Nd6? [23.Nxg7+/- keeping his advantage] **23...Rxd6=/+ 24.exd6**
Nxe1 25.d7 Bxd7 26.Nxd7 Rd8
27.Rxe1 [\geq 27.Nc5] 27...Rxd7 looks drawish, B's split pawns may give W an edge, but K position is what counts **28.Kf2 Kh7 29.Ke2 c5**
[\geq 29...a4 you want your pawns on the opposite color from your B] **30.Rd1 Rxd1 31.Kxd1=/+ Kg6**
32.Be3 Bf8 [\geq 32...c4] 33.Ke2 Kf5
34.Kf3

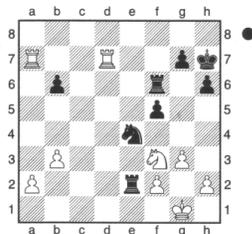


most players would call it a draw here **34...h5 35.g3 Ke5 36.Bf4+ Kd5 37.Ke3 [\geq 37.g4] 37...b4**
38.cxb4 axb4 39.a4? c4 40.a5 Bc5+

[\geq 40...Bg7!] **41.Kf3 c3 42.bxc3**
b3! 43.Bc1 Kc4 44.Bb2 Kd3 45.c4
Bd4 46.Ba3 [\geq 46.a6] 46...Kxc4
47.a6 Kd3 48.a7? time trouble?
[\geq 48.Bb2=/+] **48...Bxa7 49.Bb2**
Kc2 [\geq 49...Bc5] 50.Ba3 Kb1
[\geq 50...Bd4] **51.Ke4 Ka2 52.Bc1**
Bc5 53.Kf5 Ba3 54.Be3 b2 55.Kf6
b1Q 0-1

Steve Sandager (2220) - Dante
Archuleta (1451) ABQ Open (3)
[Dutch]

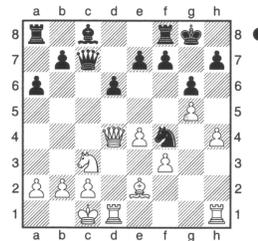
Dante had upset a 1900 in round 1 and an expert in round 2. He already has a win against a GM (Kraai simul 2007), so he just needed a master scalp to complete his collection! Steve did not seem too worried...
1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2
Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 d5 8.b3
b6? [\geq 8...Ne4] 9.Ne5 Bb7
10.Qd3 Nbd7 11.Bb2 c5?
[11...Nxe5 is equal. Now the trades are good for W] **12.cxd5 Nxd5**
13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Bxd5 exd5
15.Nc6+/- Qe8 16.dxc5 Nxc5
17.Qxd5+ Kh8 18.Rad1 Bf6
19.Bxf6 Rxf6 20.Ne5 Ne4 21.Rd3
h6? B does not need "luft" yet. Better to take the open file by Rc8
22.Rfd1 Kh7 23.Nf3 Rc8 24.Qd7
Qxd7 25.Rxd7 Rc2 26.Rxa7+-
Rxe2 27.Rdd7 Diagram



27.Rxf6 Rxf6 28.Re1 Qf7 29.Kg1
Nxe6? gives W a strong passer
[\geq 29...Qe7] **30.dxe6+- Qe7? 31.c5?**
missing a Q sac with quick returns
[\geq 31.Qxf6 Qxf6 32.e7] **31...Rf8**
32.Qd6 Re8 33.a6 Qc7 34.axb7+ still winning but my computer likes
[\geq 34.Qd7+ Qxd7 35.exd7+ Kxd7
36.Rxe8 bxa6] **34...Kxb7 35.Re4 Kc8**
36.Kf2 Kb7 37.Ke3 Kc8 38.e7 Qb7
39.b4 h5 40.Re6 Qa6 41.Qxc6+ Qxc6
42.Rxc6+ Kd7 43.Ra6 Rxe7+ 44.Kd4
Re2? now W's passers decide
[\geq 44...Kc8] **45.Rxa7+ Kc6 46.Ra6+**
Kb7 47.Rh6 h4 48.g3 Rxh2 49.gxh4
gxh4 50.Ke3 Rh3+ 51.Kf4 Rb3
52.Rb6+ Kc7 53.b5 Rc3 54.Rc6+
Kd7 55.Ke5 h3 56.Kd4 h2 57.Rh6
Rc2 58.b6 Rd2+ 59.Kc3 1-0

Shaun Bloom - Joe Fitzpatrick
ABQ Open U1800 (2)
[Sicilian Dragon]

Bloom took the U1500 prize He was deadly against the dragon. **1.e4 c5**
2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2
a6 9.g4 Nc6 10.0-0 Qc7 11.g5
[\geq 11.h4+/- threatening h5 is the usual way to attack Now the N is hard to budge] **11...Nh5 12.Be2 Nxd4=**
13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Nf4 15.h4?

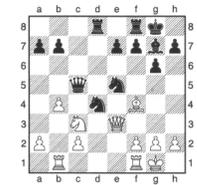


Black to play and win

15...Nh5? missing a nice Q sac
[15...Qxc3! 16.bxc3 Nxe2+ 17.Kb2
Nxd4 18.cxd4] **16.Nd5+/- Qd8**
17.f4 Ng3 18.Rhe1 [\geq 18.Bf3 saves
time as W needs a rook on h1]
18...Nxe2+ 19.Rxe2 Bg4 20.Rh2 or
h2 **20...Bxd1 21.Qxd1 Rc8?** B is a
long way from starting his attack. h5
is better **22.h5 Qe8 [\geq 22...Kg7]**
23.hxg6+/- [\geq 23.Qh1 and B is
toast] **23...fxg6 24.Qh1 Qf7 25.f5**
gxf5? [\geq 25...Rc5=] **26.g6 Qg7**
27.Rxh7 1-0

Albert Zuo - John Sarracino
ABQ Open U1800 (4) [Pirc]

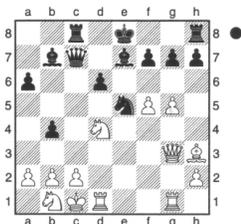
John Sarracino took 3rd prize. This game has some neat tactics
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3
Bg7 5.Bf4 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Qd2
Qxc5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Bg4 10.e5
dxe5 11.Nxe5 Nc6 12.Nxg4 Nxg4
13.Ne4 Qb6 14.Rab1 Rad8 15.Qe2
Nge5 16.Bb5? W tries to keep his B
but walks into a fork **16...Nd4**
17.Qe3 Qxb5 18.Nc3 Qc5 19.b4



19...Qxc3! and another fork looms
20.Bxe5 Ne2+? not greedy enough.
B wins yet another piece if he
changes his move order
[\geq 20...Bxe5 21.Qxe5? Nf3+]
21.Qxe2 Qxe5 22.Qf3 Rd2 23.Rfe1
Qc3 24.Qxb7 Bd4 25.Rf1 Qxc2
26.Qf3 Rc8 this move brought im-
mediate resignation, but
[\geq 26...Rxf2 wins the house] **0-1**

Ron Coraretti - Jim Johnston**ABQ Open (5)****[Sicilian]**

This game has end to end action. All very exciting **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5** this is all book! B's position looks precarious but if he avoids getting mated he has a promising attack down the c file. Here I have tried **13...Bg5** check followed by **Ne5**, which is not too bad, but I now tried the N move 1st. Probably a bad idea, but it made us stop and think. **13...Ne5 14.Qg3** Fritz thinks this ok, but at the board I thought **Qh5** or even **Qg2** were better. **14...b4 15.Nb1 exf5 16.exf5** [if **16.Nxf5 0-0/+**] **16...Bb7 17.Rg1 Rc8 18.Bh3?** Diagram

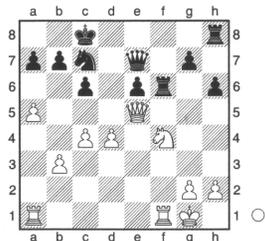


18...Nf3 19.Rge1 Nxd4 20.Rxe7+ [\geq 20.c3 gets W back in the game] **20...Kxe7 21.Rd2 Rhe8** the joy of finally getting the rook into the game, but Fritz has a better way [\geq 21...Qxc2+ **22.Rxc2 Rxc2+** **23.Kd1 Bf3+ 24.Ke1?** Q takes is better **24...Re8 25.Kf1 Kd7 26.Qf4 Re4 27.f6+ Kc6**] **22.f6+ Kf8 23.Bxc8 Rxc8 24.fxc7+ Kxc7 25.Qd3 Nf3 26.Rf2 Ne5 27.Qf5 Bd5 28.h4 Be6 29.Qf6+ Kg8 30.h5** so W could mate

in just 2 moves, luckily it's B's turn! **30...Nd3+!** not just winning a rook, eg **Kd2 Qc2+ Ke3 Nf2 Qf2 Qc5** etc, while **Kd1 Bg4** and as before **0-1**

Emre Enginarlar - Eric Barkmeyer ABQ Open U1800 (2)
[Scandinavian]

In the U1800 section Emre started out with 4 straight wins then dropped a point to Gabe Ewing in round 5. Here is a great example of his attacking style **1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8?** I would play **Qa5** here. No need to give W a tempo for nothing **4.d4+/- Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 c6 7.0-0 e6 8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Nxe2 Qe2** is better. Then if **Qd4** white can get even further ahead in development by **Rd1** etc **9...Be7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Nbd7 12.f4 Nd5** [\geq 12...0-0] **13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qd2 Nxe5 15.fxe5 0-0-0 16.c4+/- Nb6 17.b3 Rdf8** wrong rook? **18.a4 f6** the W pawn storm is much further advanced **19.a5 Na8 20.Qe3 fxe5 21.Qxe5 Nc7 22.Nf4 Rf6** Diagram



23.d5? W thinks the pawn is pinned...**23...Qc5+!/+** but it's his own one **24.Kh1 Rhf8 25.Rf3= g5?** B's turn to miss that N takes threatens mate in 1 **26.Nxe6+/- Qe7**

27...Rg6? [\geq 27...Rd6 would prolong the game, though W is still winning] **28.Ne5 Nf6 29.Re7 Rg5 30.h4 1-0**

Silas Perry - Gary Simms
A B Q O p e n (3)
[QGD Chigorin]

Silas upsets a master when Simms delays his K-side development **1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.d5 Ne5 5.e4 c6** [\geq 5...Nf6] **6.f4 Ng6 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bb3 b4 9.dxc6! Qxd1+** [certainly not **9...bxc3?** **10.Bxf7+** winning the Q] **10.Nxd1+- e6 11.Be3 Ba6 12.Ba4** he wants to keep the passed pawn **12...0-0-0 13.Nf3 h5 14.Rc1 Kc7 15.Nd4 e5 16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.Nb5+ Bxb5 18.Bxb5 a5** he had to stop **Ba7** with the worry of a later **Bb6 19.0-0 Bd6 20.Bf4 Nf6 21.Ne3 Rb8 22.Be2 Rb6**

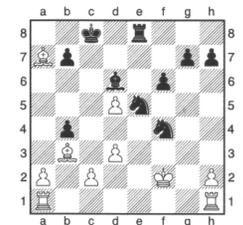


how to save the pawn? **23.Nf5!** much stronger than **Nd5** which will give the p protection but reduces the advantage **23...g5 24.Nxd6 gxf4 25.Nb5+ Rxb5** what else? **26.Bxb5 Nxe4 27.Rce1 f5 28.Rxf4 Re8 29.Rxf5 Ng4 30.Bd3**

1-0

Dante Archuleta (1451) - Steve Farmer (1930) ABQ Open (4)
[From Gambit]

Dante had 3 big upsets when he opened **1.f4**. I am going to play it myself next tourney! **1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.e4 dxe5 5.Bc4 Qf6** this position looks like it should have come from a king's gambit. **0-0** would worry the Q here **6.Nc3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Qxf3 8.gxf3+/-** where is B's development? **8...Nc6 9.Bb5 Nge7 10.d3 0-0 11.f4** [W plays his favorite move again but \geq 11.Ne2] **11...Nd4 12.Ba4= Ng6 13.fxe5 Nf3+!/+** **14.Ke2 Nfxe5 15.Be3 c5** B should bring out the B [\geq 15...Bb4=] **16.Nd5+/- f6 17.b4! cxb4 18.Bxa7 Rxd5?** [\geq 18...Rd6] **19.exd5 Nf4+ 20.Kf2 Bd6** it seems that B's exchange sac has paid off. 3 minor pieces menace W's K while all the remaining rooks are where they started **21.Bb3 Re8** Diagram

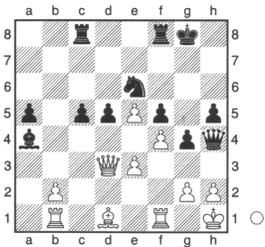


22.h3! W keeps the N out of **g4 22...Kc7** threat **b6 23.Be3 g5 24.Rae1+- Nfxd3+** B gets a rook and 2 pawns for his Ns, but exchanges just increase W's advantage **25.cxd3 Nxd3+ 26.Kf3 Nxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Be5 28.Rc1+ Kb8 29.Rc4**

29...Bc3 30.Bc5 b5 31.Re4 Rxe4
32.Kxe4 Kc8 33.Kf5 h5?
[>=33...Kd7] 34.Ke6 Be5 35.d6
Bxd6 36.Bxd6 g4 37.hxg4 hxg4
38.Kxf6 Kd7 39.Bg3 Kc6 40.Kf5
Kb6 41.Kxg4 Ka6 42.Kf5 Kb6
43.Ke5 Ka6 44.Kd5 Kb6 45.Bd6
Ka5 46.Kc6 Ka6 47.Bxb4 Ka7
48.Be6 Ka6 49.Bc8+ Ka7 50.Bc5+
Kb8 51.Ba6 TD Scott Kerns chose
this as the best game of the tourna-
ment 1-0

(10) Rodelio Ronquillo - Dwight
Ditrick ABQ Open (4)/Dutch]

B pushes pawns on both wings. W is
fine until he doesn't see the mating
attack coming 1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5
3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 Be7 5.Bc4 d5 6.Bb3
0-0 7.0-0 Nh5 8.Be5 Nc6 9.c3 c4
looks more promising here 9...Bd7
10.Nbd2 Be8 11.Rc1 g5 12.c4 g4
13.Ne1 Nxe5 14.dxe5= c6 15.f4 W
hopes to keep the e5 pawn, but this
leaves e3 weak [>=15.Nd3+/-]
15...Bc5 16.Qe2 Qb6 17.Nc2 a5
18.a4 Ng7 19.Kh1 h5 20.cxd5 [W
could threaten to attack on the K
side with >=20.Qf2] 20...cxd5
21.Qd3 Bf7 22.Nd4 Rac8 23.Rb1
[>=23.Rc3]23...Qd8 24.Bd1 Qh4
25.Qb5 b6 26.N2b3+/- Be8 27.Qd3
Bxa4? 28.Nxc5 bxc5 29.Nxe6 Nxe6

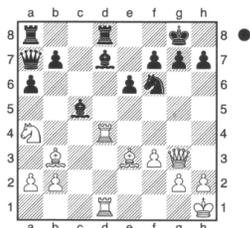


30.Qxd5 And W will soon regret not
taking this B [>=30.Bxa4+/-]
30...Bc6 31.Qxe6+ Kg7 32.Bb3?
[>=32.Kg1] 32...g3 33.Qe7+ only
move to stop an immediate mate
33...Qxe7 34.hxg3 h4 35.g4 h3
36.Rf3 hxg2+ 0-1

Steve Sandager - Ben Coraretti
ABQ Open (5)

[Queen's gambit accepted]

The winner of this game would win
the open section
1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3
e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.Bb3 Nc6
8.Nc3 Be7 9.Qe2 cxd4 10.exd4
[>=10.Rd1 is usual. W plans to gift
B a pawn so that he can then chase
the B Q around] 10...Nxd4
11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Rd1 Qg4 13.Qe5
0-0 14.Be3 Bd7 15.f3 Qb4 16.Rd4
Qc5 17.Qg3 Qa7 18.Kh1 and on b8
the Q will be safe, right? 18...Bc5
19.Rad1-/+ Rfd8?+/- surprisingly
this sensible looking move gets B in
big trouble. The N will soon have to
move from f6 so the B is still not
adequately protected. After Bc6
Black keeps his edge
20.Na4



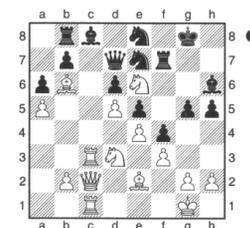
Ben spent a lot of time on his reply.
While watching I thought that b6

would save B. It doesn't. 20...Bxd4
[20...b6 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.R4d2 Qb8
23.Bf4 Qb7 24.Bg5 Ne8 25.Be7 c4
26.Bxc4 Bb5 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rxd8
Qxe7 29.Qb8+-] 21.Bxd4 Qb8
22.Be5 Nh5 23.Bxb8 Nxc3+ 24.Bxc3
Bxa4 25.Bxa4 Rxd1+ 26.Bxd1 and
the point count is even But the 2 Bs
are a force 26...Rd8 27.Bb3 Kf8
28.Kg1 Ke7 29.Kf1 f6 30.Ke2 Rc8
31.Bf4 covering all the entry points
31...Rd8 32.Bd2 Rd4 33.Bc3 Rd7
34.Ke3 Rd8 35.Bc2 g6 36.g4 Rh8?
planning to open a file for the rook but
watch the diagonal! 37.g5 e5
38.gxf6+ Kxf6 39.f4 Re8 40.fxe5+
Kg5 41.Ke4 Kg4 42.Kd5 Kh3
43.Kd6 Kxh2 44.Kd7 Ra8 45.e6 g5
46.Bxh7 g4 47.Be4 1-0

Silas Perry - Douglas Thigpen
ABQ Open (5)/King's Indian]

On board 2 these guys are fighting for
2nd place 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6
8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 b4 is popular here
(was there a game in the July Chess
Life?) but this N move is a perennial
favorite. 9...Nd7 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 Nf6
W will expand on the Q side while B's
attack comes on the K side. 12.Nd3 f4
13.Bf2 g5 14.a4 this strange looking
move prepares an attack on the a7
pawn! W plans Nb5 and take the pawn
with N or B. First he advances the a
pawn to prevent B from trapping his
piece there. Korchnoi developed this
plan. See My great predecessors Vol.
5 where Kasparov devotes a whole
chapter to this line. 14...h5 15.c5+/-
Rf7 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.a5 Bf8 18.Nb5
W threatens Na7 then Nc8

18...a6 19.Bb6! that's why he ad-
vanced the a pawn! Maybe B should
have sacked the a7 pawn and contin-
ued his K side attack with 18...g4
19...Qd7 20.Nc7+- Rb8 21.Rc1 Ne8
22.Ne6 Bh6 23.Rc3 Ng6 24.Qc2
N e 7 ? [> = 2 4 . . . R f 6]
25.Rc1



W controls the open file and B
can only react 25...Kh7 26.Nf2
still winning but [>=26.Nec5
Qb5 27.Rb3 wins the Q]
26...Kg8 27.Bc4 Kh7 28.Bb3
Kh8 29.Ba4 and B has to give up
material to save the Q. 29...Nc6
30.Nd8 Rg7 31.dxc6 bxc6
32.Bxc6 Qe7 33.Bxe8 Qxe8
34.Rxc8 Rxc8 35.Qxc8 Rg8
36.Qe6 Qxe6 37.Nxe6 and B
should resign here. His B is bad
W's rook controls the open file
AND W is up by 2Ns. Maybe
time trouble was a factor. The
remaining moves were: 37...Re8
38.Nc7 Rc8 39.Nd3 Kg8
40.Nxa6 Rxc1+ 41.Nxc1 Kf7
42.Nc7 Ke7 43.a6 Kd7 44.a7
Kc6 45.a8Q+ Kxb6 46.Nd5+
Kc5 47.Qc8+ Kb5 48.b3 Bg7
49.Qc4+ Ka5 50.Qa4# 1-0