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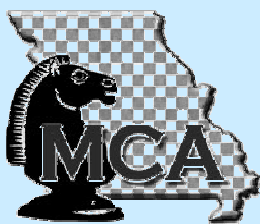
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From the Editor...

Greetings Missouri Chess Players. The Spring 2008 edition has arrived and the MCB is back on schedule, hopefully to stay. Only a short time has passed since my first effort at producing the publication, but there is plenty to show for those months in this edition.

I was warned by multiple people that the greatest challenge of being the editor of the Missouri Chess Bulletin is getting enough submissions to make a quality issue. I have no doubt to the truth to this statement, but I'm happy to say that particular problem was avoided, in abundance, for this edition. Articles and games have come in from all over the state and provided an outstanding collection of material.

I'm confident there's something everyone will enjoy.

Submissions include the return of regular contributor Steve Goldberg to the pages of the MCB. Those who aren't familiar with Mr. Goldberg's work should check out his national ChessCafe column and his excellent scholastic chess website. Links have been provided with his story on page 24. Another former MCB regular, Life Master Bob Holli-man returns with an excellent lesson on piece play. Chess-master Bob explores a few endgame positions that bend the normal rules, including mating with two knights, and where the lone rook gets the best of two minor pieces.

I'm sure everyone has heard by now that America's World Champion, Bobby Fischer passed away recently. Fischer's life away from the board was filled with controversy, with many low points that marred the great things he achieved. Yet none can argue with what he accomplished at the board, or what his meteoric popularity did for chess. Bart Gibbon's feature article this month explores one of Fischer's high points, his victory at the Palma De Mallorca Interzonal in 1970, a crucial step on his path to the achieving the Chess Throne.

All this plus contributions by Joseph Garnier, Correspondence Master Bob Jacobs, tournament reports, games from Missouri players, and information on upcoming tournaments, chess camps, and Missouri Clubs. I can't thank

enough those who worked hard to make is a quality state publication.

Thanks for your support
of the MCB,

Bob Howe
Editor



Look for these and more in
the Upcoming
Summer Edition of the
MCB...

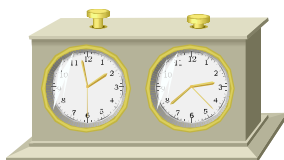
- Full Report on the 2008 Saint Louis Open.
- Results of the Missouri Denker/Polgar Playoff
- Update on the opening of the new Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis
- Articles, annotated games, and interesting stories from YOU! The members that make up the MCA.

*Deadline for the articles and
games for the Summer issue is
July 1, 2008.*

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Recent News in Missouri Chess



There are tentative plans under way to bring current World Champion, Vishy Anand on a tour of Missouri!!! The FIDE world champion is putting together a tour across the United States in 2009, and both the Kansas City Chess Club and the St. Louis Chess Club and Scholastic Center have reported they are negotiating with his manager to arrange stops in Missouri. We wish them luck in making this exciting opportunity happen.

NM Loal Davis, a keystone of St. Louis Chess scene in recent years, is moving to Tacoma Washington. Loal is a popular chess coach, gave organized lectures and taught classes for adults and kids alike. He was also an excellent writer for this publication. Loal will be missed by many, and we wish him well in his pursuits out west. Loal has a few last chance teaching events scheduled this spring, be sure to catch them if you can.

Next year's state scholastic tournament will be moving back to Jefferson City. Ed Baur has announced that the tournament will be held in the Capital City Plaza Hotel. The event will again be combine all grades into a one day event on the last Saturday of February, with the Denker and Polgar playoffs to follow at a later date.

The MCA board of director's have passed a change to the organization's bylaws. Starting with this summer's election, MCA members must be a Missouri residence 16yrs of age or older, with a valid USCF membership to vote in elections or serve as a Director.

International Master Michael Brooks plans to give several Simul's in Kansas City next month. He will be available at the Heart of America Chess Club, 4505 S. Noland Road, Independence, Missouri on Friday May 16th for \$5. Then a 30 board Simul on Saturday May 17th at the Chess Club, www.powerpawn.net will be offered for \$20. This is a great chance for anyone to take on Missouri's strongest player.

Congratulations to these winners of recent Missouri Tournaments

Maryland Heights Swiss: Nick Karlow,
Nathan Swinger, & Bob Jacobs

Mid-America Open!

Open Section: GM Alejandro Ramirez
Under 2000 – Steve Saidi
Under 1800 – Stephan Desmoulin,
Under 1600 – Joshua Fazekas & Gage Edgar.
Under 1400 – Jialin Ding
Under 1200 – Ryan Slattery
Under 900 – Stephen Zhang & Lucas Johnson

Quantum Quads – Quad winners:

Quad A – Kevin Cao
Quad B – B. Herbst, A. Kazakevich, T. Tyre
Quad C – Don Harper
Quad D – Stephen Zhang

KC Quick—Spencer Conklin & Karl Bodenheimer

St. Peter's Quick: Bob Holliman, Ron Luther,
& Jacob Wilkins

Mizzou Quads

Quad A – Thomas Rehmeier & William Quinlan
Quad B – Shan Siddiqi & Bob Howe
Quad C – Justin Hull
Quad D – Joanna Gossell & Jake Amann
Quad E – Austin Madenwald

Bobby Fischer Memorial:

1700+ - Bob Jacobs, Kevin Cao, Nick Karlow
1300-1700 - Brad Herbst
U1300 - William Nesham

“Chess requires visualizing what the board will look like several moves into the future,” explains Harvard Medical School's Lee Cranberg. Cranberg conducted a study of amateur and master chess players, and found that nearly 19 percent of players were left-handed, significantly higher than the left-handed populations at large.

Source: The Left-Hander's Calendar



Memberships & Subscriptions

Membership in the Missouri Chess Association includes a 1-year subscription to the quarterly MCB as well as access to play in MCA sponsored tournaments and Missouri State Championship events.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	COST (1 YR)
Regular <i>Ages 25+</i>	\$12.00
Scholastic <i>Under 25</i>	\$8.00
Electronic <i>Email address required.</i>	\$5.00
Family <i>2 Adults & children under 25.</i>	\$18.00
Scholastic Family <i>All children under 25.</i>	\$12.00

Please send membership dues and E-mail/Postal address changes to the MCA Membership Chair:

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For more information on Membership in the MCA and to print off a membership form, please visit <http://www.mochess.org/> and click on the 'Join Us' link.

MCB MATERIAL SUBMISSIONS

The MCB is Missouri's Official Chess Publication, for and by the members of the Missouri Chess Association. Your help providing material for the MCB will be much appreciated. Please see the [material submission methods below](#). All submissions become the property of the MCA and the MCA reserves the right to edit any and all material received for publication. **All contributions that are true, fair, and builds goodwill and better friendships among the membership will be published. Thanks so much to all those who have contributed.**

Please send material for the MCB, including but not limited to:

- Annotated games and/or scoresheets
- Articles written by members
- Articles from outside sources, with permission for republication
- Pictures (with captions please)
- Historical items
- Chess related quotes, sayings, and jokes, etc.

Submission Methods:

The first preference is to please email articles or content to bdhowe@yahoo.com, ready to use in the MCB. When submitting games, please use PGN format if you are able to do so. For those without Chessbase, other formats can be used, including Chessmaster.cmg, or as text files. Articles can also be sent via ground mail. Please contact the editor to make arrangements. You're welcome to email bdhowe@yahoo.com or call 636-234-7928 with any questions.

State Champions



Life Master Ronald G. Luther
Missouri State Chess Champion

2007 Class Champions

Master/Exp	Ronald G. Luther
Class A	Kevin Y. Cao
Class B	Nick W. Karlow
Class C	Khin M. Kyi John P. Slattery Vikram A. Arun
Class D	Vairam Aruachalam Arjun K. Khurana
Class E	Ben L. Karczewski
Novice	James W. Doran

2007 Missouri Open Champion

James A. Davies

Missouri Reserve Champion Bradley Herbst

Denker Playoff Champion Frank H. Smith

Polgar Playoff Champion Joanna Gossell

HS Championship Team Parkway Central High School (Second in a row)



Khin M. Kyi & John Slattery



James Davies



Kevin Cao



Nick W. Karlow

For a complete history of Missouri Champions, click 'Champions' at www.mochess.org

MISSOURI'S TOP 50 PLAYERS

IM Michael A Brooks	2420
Charles Lawton	2358
Bart F Gibbons	2247
Kenneth E Jones	2245
Loal W Davis	2232
Thomas G Gossell	2218
Ronald G Luther	2216
Andrew J Witte	2158
James F McLaughlin	2121
James R Voelker	2110
Rich Jackson	2108
Robert Merton Jacobs	2108
Bob Holliman	2105
Kenneth P Thomas	2098
Pranav Akolkar	2075
Aaron S Dubin	2059
Zebedee Fortman III	2040
Waldo Odak	2036
Gary Michael White	2029
Richard Wagner	2027
James A Davies	2017
Paul W Cornelison	2003
Kevin Guo	2001
Kevin Dale Johnson	2000
Tommy P Rohrbaugh	2000
Steve Saidi	1995
Joshua Frank	1992
Benjamin M Gradsky	1985
Daniel R Huff	1974
Nathaniel S Fast	1947
Francis Crow	1946
Nick W Karlow	1942
Selden Trimble	1928
Kevin Y Cao	1925
Zebedee Forman, Jr	1923
Maurice R Bock	1911
Mark T Smith	1907
Renzo Herrera	1903
Adil Skuka	1900
Daniel A Juengel	1895
Mark A Cogley	1883
Brad Schlosser	1870
Kenneth E Fee, Jr	1867
Steven D Bange	1861
Robert S Taras	1851
Nathanael David Swinger	1850
Raymond J Birt	1845
Alex J Marler	1837
Daniel J Coryea	1833
William L Steevens	1830

*April 2008: *Active in the last 3 years

MISSOURI PLAYERS ON THE USCF TOP 100 LISTS

Overall

74 IM Michael A Brooks (2435)

Correspondence

18 Robert Merton Jacobs (2400)

62 Laurence Anderson (2248)

Quick

15 Michael A Brooks (2542)

82 Charles Lawton (2266)

Over 65

46 Robert Merton Jacobs (2100)

Under 21

54 Thomas G Gossell (2218)

Age 18

71 Renzo Herrera (1903)

Age 17

51 Nick W Karlow (1914)

80 Frank H Smith (1818)

Age 16

38 Kevin Guo (2001)

Age 15

46 Brad Schlosser (1861)

Age 14

92 Henry Cao (1693)

Age 12

77 Vikram Arun (1617)

Age 11

12 Kevin Y Cao (1878)

Age 10

25 William M Tong (1665)

Age 9

27 Margaret M Hua (1483)

Age 7 & Under

78 Nathan Phan (908)

Girls Under 16

100 Jonht Bechthold (1322)

Girls Under 13

29 Margaret Hua (1483)

70 Joanna Gossell (1202)

MISSOURI CHESS HALL OF FAME

James A Davies (2000)

Donald Oswald (2001)

Robert Jacobs (2002)

IM Michael A Brooks (2003)

Robert Steinmeyer (2006)

Nominations for the Hall of Fame are due to the Secretary by June 15, 2008. Please include a short biography and a description of the nominee's significant contributions to chess in the state of Missouri. The Inductee will be announced at the 2008 Missouri Open.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As a Missouri Chess Association member, you are invited to submit nominations for the annual election of members for the MCA Board of Directors. Nominees must be residents of the state of Missouri and current MCA members. If elected, nominees would serve a one year term beginning on September 1, 2008. Self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged. Board Members are expected to attend board meetings held in Columbia (Currently 4 times per year) and the general membership meeting at the Missouri Open in September. **The deadline for nominations is May 1st, 2008.** Election ballots will be mailed out by June 1 to MCA members who are Missouri residents, 16yrs of age or older, and in good standing as of May 1, 2008. Send your nominations to *Jim Davies, Election Commissioner, 7358 Shaftsbury Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63130* or email them to jandadavies@sbcglobal.net.

MCA Board of Director's Meeting Summary (March 9, 2008):

****Minutes from the BOD meetings are not official until approved at the next meeting. The MCB provides a summary to update members on the discussions at recent meetings. The following remains subject to minor corrections and changes! ****

Meeting date - March 9, 2008. All Board members were present.

- Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with minor changes.
- Treasurer's Report was presented by Bill Wright and accepted.
- The membership report provided by Membership Chair Wayne Bartlett was reviewed. Membership has fallen below 200. Board members believed some reasons for this decline were: 1. less tournaments available 2. Fewer state sanctioned tournaments 3. Conflicts on-going between groups. The board agreed additional MCA sponsored events and a resolution to on-going conflicts is the best way to build membership.

Tournament Updates:

—This year's State Scholastic Tournament was reviewed. The event suffered a financial loss, which is unusual for the popular event. TD Ed Baur felt multiple factors contributed to the decreased turnout, including changes in the date and location from previous years, an increase in entry fees, and a serious snow storm in the days leading up to the event. Next year's event is scheduled to be back in Jefferson City's Capital Plaza Hotel on February 28th. Copies of the financial information from the event were requested by Bob Holliman. Ed Baur, representing the Gateway Chess league agreed to provide those records at the next meeting. Ken Fee, representing the Kansas City Scholastic Chess Association declined to provide any records, believing the board was not entitled to those records.

—The Gateway Chess League was given responsibility to run the Denker and Polgar Qualifying tournaments. They will be held April 12th, 2008 in Columbia, MO.

—The 2008 Missouri Open will be held at the Best Western Hotel in Columbia Missouri on September 20th-21st. Thomas Rehmeier will be chief TD for the event, with plans to host scholastic and blitz side events. The Invitational Tournament will be held under the same format as previous years. Bob Howe and Bob Holliman will present a proposal at the next meeting on expanding the Invitational event in 2009.

—The 2008 Class Championships will be held on June 28th-29th. Bob Howe will TD the event with the same format as last year.

—The Kansas City Open will be held in July, with a three day format planned. Ken Fee will run the event with no entry fee and a prize fund of \$300 donated by corporate sponsors. MCA membership will be required.

New Business:

—Tim Campbell reported he is continuing to communicate with the Missouri Show Me Games to incorporate chess as an event in that program. He will report during the next board meeting on the results of his scheduled meeting with the Show Me games organizers.

—Jack Winter's was nominated to the MCA Hall of Fame. Ken Fee presented information given to him by Mr. Winter's family. The board will review this information and consider his nomination at the next meeting.

—Bill Wright presented information about the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis. The club is slated to open in June of 2008. The club's sponsor, Mr. Singquefield, is very interested in promoting chess, particularly for scholastics. The MCA is willing to facilitate these efforts when we can be of assistance.

—Bill Wright notified the board that World Champion Vishwanathan Anand will be visiting the United States in 2009 and arrangements are being made for him to visit the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis. Ken Fee stated he is also working to secure a stop in Kansas City by Mr. Anand.

—Tim Campbell suggested that the MCA would benefit from greater transparency to its members. He suggested more detailed financials be available at board meetings and published in the Bulletin. Bill Wright, MCA treasurer agreed to provide that information at the next meeting.

—Mr. Campbell proposed the board begin polling MCA members on issues relating to chess in Missouri. The questionnaire will likely be included as an insert in the MCA bulletin. A subcommittee was made to develop these questionnaires. Tim Campbell, Joseph Conklin, and John Wiedner agreed to serve on this committee.

Future meeting dates were set for June 8th, 2008 and September 14th, 2008.

World Class Collector in Rosebud

~ Bob Howe ~

On roads and highways across Missouri you'll find small towns with small shops and buildings advertising antiques. Quaint shops, endless collectables, mahogany furniture, and all the odds and ends one could ever imagine. Imagine one's surprise though, when "yet another antique shop" actually contains a room filled wall to wall with chess collectables. That last one sounds a bit out of place, unless your checking out a certain antique shop in Rosebud Missouri. There, as you browse the wares, you may or may not notice that tables stacked with figurines and coke glasses have a distinct checkerboard pattern across the top. Sliding



Cigar boxes and collectables hide one of the many Chess tables in the shop.

back the cloth cover of another table again shows it's engraved with 64 squares. In fact, once one starts looking, it's hard to find a table anywhere that isn't ready for some chess pieces to be set up. Looking a bit deeper, you start to notice the paintings that adorn the walls. There's scenes of medieval courts, cute animals, or romantic couples, but all with one common theme. Perhaps prominently in the forefront, or perhaps hiding amongst the background, chess pieces and boards can always be found. Something is amiss in this shop, hiding beneath its seemingly typical appearance is a haven for the chess lover.

The Rosebud Banc Antique shop is found along Highway 50 in historic Rosebud Missouri. The building originally opened in 1912 as a local bank, the vault even still stands, now filled with merchandise. The bank closed shop in 1932 and since that time the building has served as a barbershop, an apartment building, and for a long time the local post office. However, it was in 2004, when the building took on its current form that most interests us. The patron of the this new shop, Donald Kirkpatrick, just isn't your typical antique dealer. Donald is an avid chess man through and through (look no further than his multiple chess tattoos for proof!). Fascinated by the game since the 1950's, he began not just playing the game, but collecting it's memorabilia. And what a collection it has become!!!



The Rosebud Banc Antique shop seen from the west along highway 50.

While there are hints of chess all around the antique shop, it's only if you let Don know you share his love of chess, that he just might let you see the private area of the store. The "chess room", is a site worth seeing. These are items Don isn't interested in selling, but instead keeps nearby to enjoy each day. The walls are covered with paintings and pictures. Harper's Bizarres, Classic Coke ads, postcards, a sewing table with a chessboard top, chess boards and pieces, magnets, and signs.

Ceiling to floor and wall to wall, Don has the room brimming with pieces of his collection. The chess room alone is an impressive display, with more memorabilia than most of us will ever lay hands on, but it's only the tip of the iceberg. It's at his home that Don keeps the lion's share of his impressive collection. Don was kind enough to allow us to see his home, a place that could rival even a chess museum.

Walking through the rooms and halls of Donald's home, it's impossible to avoid chess references. His main hallway is lined with framed art chessboards. Antique boards, gold leaf pieces, chess silhouettes, framed postcards, and checkerboard mirrors are just a sample. His dresser's and desks are filled by unique collectables; perfume bottles in the shape of knights or rooks by Courtley and Gambit, chess piece cigarette lighters, Golden Knights shaving Lotions, Bishop's Move tobacco tins, antique chess books long out of print, and beautiful sets such as Franklin Mints and Old Crow Decanters. (the beautiful Franklin Mint Egyptian set can be seen on the bulletin cover) Each room is a monument to his love of the royal game, with a lifetime of items gathered and proudly displayed.

Don's collection extends far beyond what could be displayed in normal forms. Instead, large parts remain packed up for safe keeping. A room in his basement is set aside just for sets, where box after box after box reveals hundreds of chess sets. St. George and Staunton's are the most prevalent, but the overall variety can scarcely be described. Classic Drueke, Rose's hand-carved sets, Milton Bradley toy sets of various themes, sets of Bone and Ivory, Roman sets, Florentine sets, complete sets made from liquor bottles, Franklin Mint collections, Michael Graves designs, and a number of Jacque and Sons. Sets that come from England, Germany, and the Orient. Simple plastic sets and intricately hand carved masterpieces, all varieties of wood, classic black and white and wild bright colors, modern art sets, and even a rare complete Old Crow Whiskey set and board. They range from simple to amazing, with most everything in between. I had the pleasure of spending nearly an hour looking through this room alone, and couldn't get to half the boxes due to the piles and piles of them. It was a thrilling experience, and yet only encompassed one part of his collection. There was the garage.....

The room is lined with boxes and boxes of you know what... more chess. This time the focus gets away from sets, and into more collectables and memorabilia. To just name a few, we had the pleasure to see collections of chess medals and ribbons, Coca-cola collectables with a hint of chess in their de-



A cabinet holding rare or expensive collectables sits next to the kitchen table.. Bottom center several Abandon Pottery pieces can be seen, Across the shelves players from different countries and eras square off in beautiful figurines.

signs, plates, figurines, cups and glasses, beer signs, boxes of books, newspaper clippings of famous events, magazines stories of players and advertisements with chess themes. Twenty full boxes of chess supplies could be found in the garage alone. I simply didn't plan enough time to look at it all, even after spending hours looking at his collection, we left dozens of boxes unopened!!

So who is the owner of this amazing collection? Donald Kirkpatrick in many ways sounds like a typical guy from the chess club down the street. He starting playing chess in elementary school, entering his first tournament in 6th grade, where he enjoyed the event and took 2nd place. Some time passed without him playing in tournaments, but he remained passionate about the game, and started to build his collection. During his long career as a third generation worker for Caterpillar, Don would take on his co-workers at lunch or on the overnight shift. He usually bested them handily, even playing several in simul fashion to increase the challenge. After this had gotten his confidence up, Don moved on to try a novice rated tournament, where he scored 3/4 and claimed the Unrated trophy. He was hooked, and chess was solidified as his main love and hobby. Don never studied much or used a coach, but his natural talent and passion for the game helped him reach the B class rating. Don played both casually and in tournaments for many years as a member of the Greater Peoria Chess Club, but today has ended his competitive playing days, instead enjoying his new project as a small businessman. Don shared some stories of his playing days, including his favorite memory, a classic victory where checkmate was delivered by promotion to a knight, when any other piece would have given away half a point by stalemate.

These days Don has cut his purchasing of chess items to a trickle, (believe me, he has enough!) and is even slowly selling off some parts. He remains far too attached to most of it to fill the shop with beloved chess items, but he does have some doubles and certain items he has



Don displays a few of his favorite sets and book-ends., including the Ludwig Schmithoven set on the right, designed with "rocking" pieces built to stay balanced on train rides.



The bears in this hand carved children's toy each move a lone rook above a tiny chessboard. Some one tell them it's a dead draw!

been slowly letting go. He has offered many of his chess paintings and tapestries for sale at the shop, and is looking to thin out some of his St. Georges chess sets,. He's also looking at selling many of his paper items such as chess ads, magazine covers, prints, and the like. Mostly however, he wants to continue enjoying the collection, a feeling I can understand!

If someone is interested in seeing his collection or trying to pry an item or two from his hands, it would be best to call first to arrange a good time to meet with Don. This will insure a time when he can get free to show you around. Don can be reached at the shop at 573-764-4448. Next time your near Rosebud, I highly recommend you make the stop!



CHESS AT THE MATHNASIUM

QUANTUM QUADS ~ Matthew J. Angeli ~

With good weather, a rare appearance from Mr. Ron Luther from the Kansas City area, and a decent size crowd of 18 people despite it being the week after a major tournament, Quantum Quads was a solid success. The only incident of the March 8th tournament happened when a clock added an hour after move 40 as it was still on the tournament setting from the Mid-America. However, it was an easy fix. There were a couple big upsets at the tournament with one being at the top quad as Kevin Cao took advantage of a slightly inaccurate move by Mr. Luther and went on the attack and won with a mere 4 minutes left on his clock.

QUAD GROUP 1

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3
1	Cao, Kevin Y	1899	3.0	W2	W3	-X-
2	Karlow, Nick W	1932	1.0	L1	W4	L3
3	Luther, Ronald G	2216	2.0	W4	L1	W2
4	Thompson, William	1643	0.0	L3	L2	-F-

QUAD GROUP 2

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3
1	Herbst, Bradley J	1630	2.0	W3	-B-	L2
2	Kazakevich, Alexey	1505	2.0	W4	L3	W1
3	Tyre, Taylor S	1373	2.0	L1	W2	-B-
4	Tuttle, Daniel J	1407	0.0	L2	-N-	-N-

ST. PETERS QUICK TOURNAMENT

~ Timothy C. Nesham ~

QUAD GROUP 3

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3
1	Harper, Don J	1072	2.5	W2	W4	D3
2	Nesham, William	957	2.0	L1	W3	W4
3	Herbst, Luke J	1307	1.5	W4	L2	D1
4	Baer, Jesse Y	881	0.0	L3	L1	L2

SWISS GROUP

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3
1	Zhang, Stephen J	851	3.0	W4	W3	W2
2	Frankenberg, Matt	847	1.0	L5	W6	L1
3	Angeli, Isaiah L	836	1.0	W6	L1	L5
4	Koritz, Vincent G	652	1.0	L1	W5	-X-
5	Yin, Michael	629	2.0	W2	L4	W3
6	Kazi, Tariq A	UNR	0.0	L3	L2	-X-

The St. Peters March 2008 Quick tournament had a time control of game in 29 minutes. Tied for first were Ron Luther, Bob Holliman and Jacob Wilkins. The USCF rules provide for a 3 second delay for this time control, rather than the typical 5 second delay seen in most tournaments, which created some exciting games for the spectators. In round 3, Jialin Ding had 2 seconds left on his clock and managed to survive for approximately two minutes before his time ran out. Be sure to check out the complete schedule of upcoming tournaments to be held at the St. Peters Mathnasium at <http://www.mochess.org/Tournaments.htm> and Missouri's USCF Clearinghouse at <http://www.mochess.org/Calendar.htm>. Thanks to all who attended the March St. Peter's Quick!!

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4
1	Luther, Ronald G	2135	3.5	W16	W10	W7	D2	11	Rand, Steven J	1351	2.0	W19	L7	W13	L6
2	Holliman, Bob	2083	3.5	W12	W15	W9	D1	12	Howe, Gary Bob	1342	2.0	L2	W18	W10	L4
3	Wilkins, Jacob A	1675	3.5	-H-	W8	W4	W7	13	Slattery, Ryan	1300	2.0	W8	L4	L11	W18
4	Rehmeier, Thomas	1698	3.0	W17	W13	L3	W12	14	Bramstedt, Doug	UNR	1.5	-B-	L9	L8	D20
5	Kazakevich, Alexey	1339	3.0	L7	W19	W15	W9	15	Bramstedt, James A	1346	1.0	W20	L2	L5	L8
6	Hua, Margaret M	1290	3.0	L9	W20	W16	W11	16	Thompson, William	1344	1.0	L1	W17	L6	-N-
7	Cao, Kevin Y	1835	2.0	W5	W11	L1	L3	17	Zhang, Stephen J	816	1.0	L4	L16	W19	L10
8	Johnson, Kevin D	1765	2.0	L13	L3	W14	W15	18	Nesham, William	747	1.0	L10	L12	W20	L13
9	Cao, Henry	1711	2.0	W6	W14	L2	L5	19	Yin, Michael	614	1.0	L11	L5	L17	-B-
10	Ding, Jialin	1451	2.0	W18	L1	L12	W17	20	Johnson, Lucas M	521	0.5	L15	L6	L18	D14

Victory at the Interzonal

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*A Look at Fischer's Victory at the 1970 Interzonal—A Convincing Win
(With Some Luck Too!)*

~ National Master Bart Gibbons ~

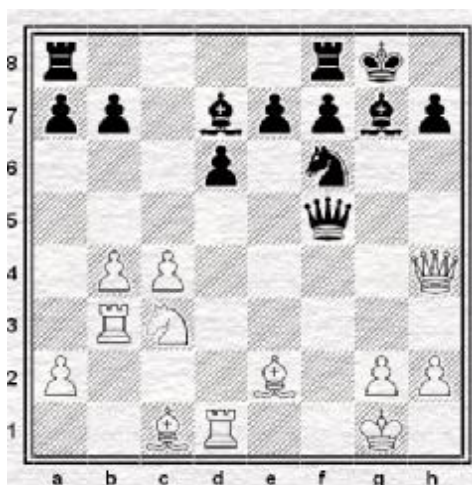


Bobby Fischer began his road to the 1972 World Championship at the Interzonal in Palma De Mallorca 1970. His margin of victory was an astounding 3.5 points, scoring 18.5 out of 23. Yet it was his seven straight wins in the final rounds that created such a margin. Before this spurt, Fischer had only a half-point edge over Geller, and a one-point advantage over Uhlmann. This article reviews how Fischer had a bit of luck on the way.

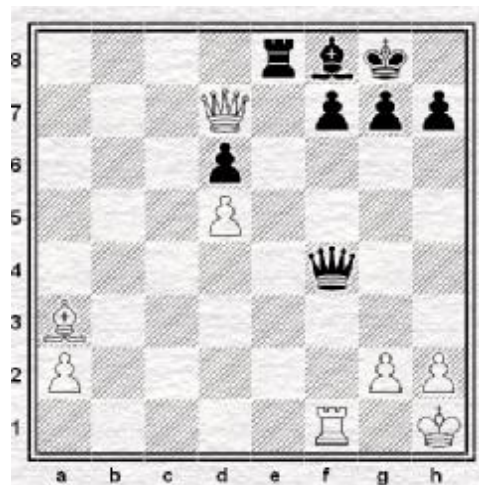


The very first round had a surprise for Fischer. Playing White against Huebner, Fischer was a pawn up in the endgame, but the position was drawish due to White's doubled pawns. In this position, Fischer unwisely grabbed a second pawn with **32. Qa7?** (**Diagram-Left**), overlooking **32...Ne4 33. f3 Nd6** winning a piece. Fortunately for Fischer, **34. Qc5 Nb7 35. Qd4+ Kf8 36. h5** led to a draw.

Right). Reshevsky had the white pieces. To counter Black's back-row mating threats, White could simply play **29. Qb5**,



including a gift from Reshevsky (**Diagram-**

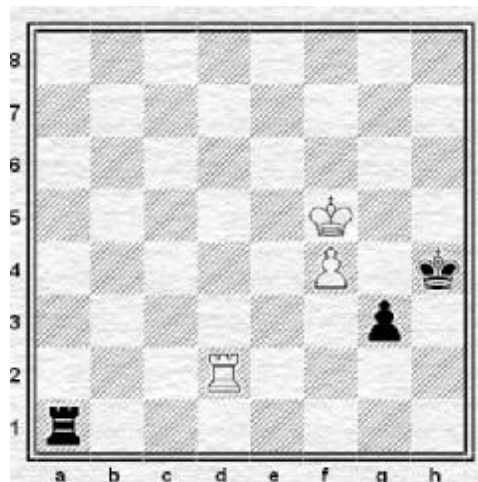


Instead, he blundered with **29. Kg1?**, allowing **29...Qd4+ 30. Kh1 Qf2!**, and White resigned.

Fischer had a bout with the flu over the next three rounds, and could only manage two draws, and a loss to Bent Larsen. One of the draws was against Naranja, who missed a golden opportunity (**Diagram-Left**) as White. Naranja has sacrificed a pawn for the initiative,

and now could have played 19. Nd5!, winning the exchange. The main line is 19...Nd5 20. Bd3! Bf6 21. Qh6 Bg7 22. Bf5 Bh6 23. Bh6. White chose **19. Bg5** instead, which allowed Fischer to play **19...h6 20. Bh6 Qh7**, which held the position.

Another two draws followed, and Bobby was a half-point behind GM Geller when these two leaders met in the 12th round. This dramatic game is the real story of the tournament. Geller had White, and offered a draw on move seven. It was reported that Fischer declined, both players laughed, then Fischer said something that made Geller turn red in the face. Geller played the opening weakly, yet played most of the endgame well to reach a drawn position (**Diagram-Right**). The proper line for White is 71. Rd8 g2 72. Rh8+ Kg3 73. Rg8+ Kf3 74. Ke6! However, Geller blundered with **71. Ke5? Kg4 72. f5 Ra5+** and White resigned.



Fischer continued with two wins, then two draws. It was at this point he won his last seven games, pulling away from the field.

One could also argue his wins against Uhlmann (who fell into a known opening trap), and Gligoric were fortuitous. Of course, Fischer won some outstanding games as well; check out his victories over Ivkov, Rubinetti, and Taimanov in particular.

2008 Missouri Class Championship

Missouri State Championship Qualifying Event

- ♔ **Date:** June 28-29, 2008
- ♔ **Location:** Best Western Columbia Inn, 3100 I-70 Dr. SE, Columbia, MO 65201
- ♔ **Format:** 5-Round Standard Swiss, Game/120
- ♔ Players compete with only those in the same class. Each section winner is awarded the title of State Class Champion!
- ♔ **Prizes:** \$100-1st, \$50-2nd in each class: Master/Expert, A, B, C, D, E, and Under 1000 (based on 7 in each class)
- ♔ Winner of the Master/Expert section also receives a spot in the 2008 MO State Invitational Championship
- ♔ **Registration:** 8:30-9:30. **Round Times:** Saturday 10, 2:30, & 7, Sunday 9:30 & 2.
- ♔ **Entry Fee:** \$30 if postmarked by 6/20. \$35 on site, cash only at site. K-12 players in U/1000 section may pay half entry fee but are eligible for only half prizes.
- ♔ MCA membership required for Missouri residents, available on site from \$5.
- ♔ **HR:** \$74.95/night, free WI-FI & breakfast. 573-474-6161, mention CHESS.
- ♔ **Entries/Info:** Bob Howe, 4403 Gage Place, Columbia, MO 65203; 636-234-7928 or bdhowe@yahoo.com

Active Piece Play

~ Life Master Bob Holliman ~



Van der Hoouw — Stoll (1975)
Black to Move

Our first "learning moment" comes from Van der Hoouw—Stoll showing the strength of the knights when fighting a lone rook. **1...a3 2.bxa3 c3 3.Re2 c2+ 4.Rxc2 Nxc2 5.a4** Here we see the one position in which the 2 knights can mate the lone king. **5...Na3+ 6.Ka1 Nb4 7.a5 Nbc2# 0-1**

Here's a slightly different configuration from the game Miles—Yakovich where there are pawns on both sides but the rook is having a difficult time. (Diagram Below) **1.Nd4+ Kd5 2.fxg5 fxg5 3.Nf3 Rg2 4.Nxg5 h3 5.Kf3 Rg1 6.Ngxh3 Rb1 7.Nf4+ Kc6 8.g5 Rxb3+ 9.N2d3 Kd6 10.Ke4 Rb1 11.g6 Rg1 12.Kf5** and this game ended in a draw. As you can see counter play on the opposite side was crucial to black's survival. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

And now for our feature presentations: two games where the rook is stronger than the two minor pieces.

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e4 Bg7 4.c3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.0-0 7.Nbd2 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nc4 Qe7 10.b4 Rd8 11.b5 Be6 12.Ba3 Qe8 13.Qc2 Bxc4 14.Bxc4 Na5 15.Be2 b6 16.Rfd1 c6 17.Qa4 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.bxc6 Qxc6 20.Qxc6 Nxc6 21.Bb5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1



Knezevic — Tal (1977)
Position after 27.f3

Rc8 23.Rd6 Na5 24.Ba6 Rxc3 25.Nxe5 Nxe4 26.Rd7 Ke8 27.f3 (Diagram Left)



Miles — Yakovich (1993)
White to Move

27...Rc1+ 28.Bf1 Nc4 29.Nxc4 Kxd7

30.fxe4 Ra1 (Diagram on opposite page).

In practical terms the thought process goes that white has the two pieces and thus the win. However it all "depends" on the position. Here black threatens to pick up the "a" pawn and has more superiority on the queenside and can easily defend his king side. **31.Ne5+ Ke6 32.Nc6 a5 33.Kf2 Kd6 34.Nd8 Rxa2+ 35.Ke3 f6 36.g4 a4 37.g5 fxg5 38.Nf7+ Ke7 39.Bc4 Rxh2 40.Ne5 a3**



Knezevic — Tal (1977)
Position after 30...Ra1

Next is a game taken from the 1965 Candidates Match final in Tblisi between Boris Spassky and Mikhail Tal:

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.0-0 b5 9.Nb3 Be7 10.f4 d6 11.Qf3 0-0 12.a4 b4 13.Ne2 e5 14.f5 d5 15.Ng3 Na5 16.exd5 Bb7 17.Ne4 Nc4 18.Bg5 Nxb2 19.d6 Qxd6 20.Nxd6 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Bxd6 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Be4 Rac8 24.a5 Bb8 25.g3 Rfd8 26.Re1 Ba7+ 27.Kg2 Rd6 28.Rff1 Nc4 29.Kh3 Ne3 30.Rf3 Nxc2 31.Rc1 Rc4 32.Rd3 Bd4 33.Rxc2 Rxc2 34.Rxd4 exd4



Spassky — Tal (1965)
Position after 35...d3

35.Bxc2 d3 (Diagram Right) This is a very simple example of Rook v. 2 minor pieces. Perhaps it is not the best as the advanced center pawn is the deciding issue, but it is a basis for understanding how to play the rook. 36.Bd1 Rd5 37.Kg4 Re5 38.Kf4 Re2 39.h4 h5 40.Nc5 Re1 41.Bxh5 0-1

Our final example is from a recent game between Peter Lesslie and Tim Steiner:

1.Nf3 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 c6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.b3 Bd7 9.a4 Qe7 10.Qc2 a5 11.Ne5 Be8 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Nb1 Na6 14.Ba3 Nb4 15.Qb2 Rc8 16.Nc3 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Ng4 18.Rac1 Nxe5 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Rxc8 Qd7 21.Rcc1 [21.Bxb4 axb4 22.Rc5 Ng6 23.Rfc1 Bf7 24.Rc7 Qd6 25.Rxb7 f4 26.Qd4 fxg3 27.hxg3 h6 28.Rcc7 Ne5 29.f4 Nc6 30.Rxf7 Rxf7 31.Qxd5] 21...Nec6 22.Rfd1 Bf7 23.Qd2 Rd8 24.e3 d4 25.exd4 Bxb3 26.Re1 Nxd4 27.Qc3 Qxa4 28.Qc7 Qd7 29.Re7 Qxc7 30.Rxc7 Ne6 31.Rcd7 Rxd7 32.Rxd7 Nc2 33.Bb2 b5 34.Bd5 a4 35.Bxb3 axb3 36.Rb7 b4 37.Kf1 Nc5 38.Rxg7+ Kf8 39.Rc7 Na4 40.Be5 Na3 41.Rb7 b2 42.Bxb2 Nxb2 43.Rxb4 Nbc4



Lesslie — Steiner (2007)
Position after 43...Nbc4

(Diagram right). Now comes an interesting ending.

44.Rb7 White may have made some errors from a won game at move 19 to what Fritz says is .41 advantage but he now remembers rule number 1: *pin the enemy king to the*

back rank. 44...Kg8 45.Ke2 Nd6 46.Ra7 Nab5 47.Ra5 Nd4+ 48.Kd3 Ne6 49.Rd5 Ne4 50.Rxf5 N4g5 51.Re5 Kf7 52.Ke2 Kf6 53.f4 Nf7 54.Ra5 Nd4+ 55.Ke3 Nf5+ 56.Ke4 N5d6+ 57.Kd5 Black's last few moves have brought the white king into black's position—

something everyone should avoid. 57...Nf5 58.Ra6+ Kg7 59.g4 Ne3+ 60.Ke6 Nxg4 61.Ra7 Ngh6 62.h4 Kf8 63.f5 Kg7 64.f6+ Kg6 65.h5+ Kg5 66.Rxf7 Nxf7 67.Kxf7 Kxh5 68.Kg7 h6 69.f7 Kg5 70.f8Q h5 71.Qc5+ Kg4 72.Qg1+ Here black finally resigned. 1-0

Missouri Scholastic Championship

Over 450 students converged on Columbia this February for the annual Missouri State Scholastic Championship. This year's event featured a change in format and location, as the long time location at the Jefferson City Middle School had been outgrown. The organizers set up shop at the Holiday Inn Executive Center's Convention Center in Columbia Missouri. There were some familiar names reappearing among the winners, joined by a few surprises.



Over 450 players ready for action!

Congratulations to all the winners, many of whom managed perfect scores! Worthy of special mention is some repeating champions. The High School division winners Nick Karlow and Kevin Guo repeat as Board one champions. Brad Schlosser and Mohammed Siddiqui also each repeated as top scorers on boards two and four respectively. Board Three winner Henry Cao earned his second straight first place trophy after snagging the 8th and Under prize last year. Finally in the 5th and under division, Kevin Cao went 6-0 to take his third straight title!

In the team events there were two stories that stood out even among the list of champions. Parkway Central High School won this year's event with a perfect 16-0 score. I'm not sure if this is unprecedented or not, but is certainly a rare occurrence.

In the elementary divisions it was Pembroke Hill School that shined. Pembroke not only repeated as champions in the K-5 division, but topped that by taking all three elementary divisions this year, capturing first in the K-6 and K-3 as well.

Next year the event returns to it's longtime home in Jefferson City. Plan on attending Missouri's biggest chess event at the Capital Plaza Hotel on February 28th, 2009.

WINNERS

INDIVIDUALS:

High School:

Board 1: Nick Karlow and Kevin Guo

Board 2: Brad Schlosser

Board 3: Henry Cao, Alex Esposito

Board 4: Mohammed Siddiqui and
Jeremy Dillin

9th & Under—Noah Sondov-Gold

8th & Under—James Smith

6th & Under—Sarah Sampei

5th & Under—Kevin Cao

3rd & Under—Nathan Phan

TEAMS:

High School – Parkway Central HS

9th & Under – McKinley Academy – Clayton

8th & Under – Sperreng Middle School – St. Louis

6th & Under – Pembroke Hill – Kansas City

5th & Under – Pembroke Hill – Kansas City

3rd & Under – Pembroke Hill – Kansas City



*The top
5th and
under
players
prepare to
battle...*



The last five undefeated players on the top high school boards square off in the final round. Only two survive!

Danish Gambit

MO State Scholastic

W: William Nesham (957)

B: Seth Johnson (644)

Annotation by Tim

Nesham—This game was played by William Nesham and Seth

Johnson in the last round

of the K-12 Missouri State Scholastic Chess Championships, Grade 6. I coached William for this tournament by making the observation that many players at his level play either side of the Giuoco Piano, but are not prepared to play sharp lines in other openings. I showed him the Danish Gambit, and thought it should produce good results for him. In this tournament, he attempted to play the Gambit three times, but his opponents did not accept the first two. In the last round his opponent took the offered pawns and he got compensation in the form of development and control of the

center. **1. e4 e5 2. d4 exd4 3. c3 dxc3 4. Bc4 cxb2 5. Bxb2** {William has good compensation for the pawns.} **d6** {This is a decent move by Seth. (Fritz9 -0.16). Black would be punished if he goes Qg5 to grab the g2 pawn. These ideas are presented in a video on the Internet Chess Club. <http://www.chessclub.com>} **6. Nc3** {Not the best. Fritz likes Nd2 or Nf3.} **Nc6 7. Nf3 Bg4 8. Ne2**

{William wanted to clear the lines for his dark square Bishop.}

Ne5 {Fritz liked Bxf3. I felt Ne5 is attacking too soon. With White better developed and Black's King in the middle, Black should develop.} **9. Nxe5 dxe5 10. Qb3 Nh6** {Qe7 is better, the Knight needs to help in the center.} **11. Qxb7?** {This is bad. White did well to take the initiative with the gambit pawns, but Bxe5 should have come first. With Qxb7, the Black King can escape the storm.} **Rb8 12. Bb5+ Bd7?** {This does not help at all, better is} (12... Ke7 13. Ba3+ Kf6 14. Qc6+ Be6 {Black escapes, and equalizes.}) **13. Bxd7+ Kxd7 14. O-O-O+ Bd6?**

{Another mistake, again Black needs to evacuate his King.} **15. Rxd6+ Kxd6 16. Rd1+ Ke7 17. Ba3+ Ke8 18. Qc6+ Qd7 19. Qxd7#**

{This does not mean the Danish Gambit is an automatic win as Black has better defenses. For the scholastic player, they should beware of offered pawns. Taking pawns loses time and space, and with the King remaining in the open, the extra pawns will likely never see the endgame.} **1-0**



The High School Champs celebrate their 2nd consecutive state title.

White to move and win:

Answer is found on Page 31



White to move and win material:

Answer is found on Page 31



Mid-America Open

~ Thomas R. Rehmeier ~

The Continental Chess Association paid its first visit to Missouri in three years during the weekend of February 29-March 2 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Clayton. A total of 214 players participated in the 12th Annual Mid-America Open including two Grandmasters and three International Masters. Missouri residents were able to secure the top prizes in the Under 2000, Under 1400, Under 1200, and Under 900 sections.



Crowne Plaza Hotel of Clayton

Using the classic FIDE time control of 40 moves in two hours followed by an additional sudden death hour, the tournament provided a different playing opportunity for those players who love to take their time. Brad Schlosser (1829) showed that if given three hours on his clock he can hold his own against the experts and



The busy main playing hall of the event.

masters in the Open section, defeating one expert, drawing two others, and holding a draw down a piece against a high A-Class player. Steve Saidi of Saint Louis inched closer to the glorious 2000 rating winning all five in the Under 2000 section to jump 82 points to 1995. Ryan Slattery also achieved perfection

in the Under 1200 to take home sole 1st. Young up-and-comer Jialin Ding brought in



Players eagerly checking scores and results between rounds.

the Under 1400 money with 4.5/5.0. Lucas Johnson shared in the top prize of the Under 900 section with Stephen Zhang; both Saint Louis residents also scoring a terrific 4.5/5.0 Accompanying his 1st-place trophy, Lucas padded his rating by about 300 points. Thank you



Final Round Games in the Under 900

to the Continental

Chess Association's Walter Brown and Steve Immitt for putting on an exceptionally well-run tournament. I would also like to thank Mr. Brian Ziebarth for providing the photos for this report of the weekend's events. If you would like to view the complete crosstable of the tournament please visit <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?200803024541>. On the opposite page you will find an abridged list of Missouri players' performance and rating increases from each section.

<u>OPEN!</u>	<u>UNDER 1600</u>	<u>UNDER 1200</u>	<u>UNDER 900!</u>
Brooks, Michael A (3rd) 3.5	Pope, Richard 4.0 1587 → 1632 (2nd)	Slattery, Ryan Joseph 5.0 1104 → 1343 (1st)	Johnson, Lucas M 4.5 534 → 819 (1st)
Wagner, Richard 3.0 2008 → 2027	Dun, Tha 4.0 1426 → 1606	Rode, Shelly 4.0 1175 → 1210 (2nd)	Zhang, Stephen J 4.5 934 → 954 (2nd)
McLaughlin, James 2.5	Song, Raymond 4.0 1543 → 1602	Siddiqui, Mohammed 3.5 1125 → 1182	Yin, Michael 3.5 627 → 639 (3rd)
Voelker, James R 2.5	Bartotto, Derrick R 3.5 1485 → 1571	Zhao, Yi Zhou 3.5 919 → 1110	Manley, Charles B 3.0
Schlosser, Brad 2.5 1829 → 1870	Walker, John K 3.5 1529 → 1560	Luckey, Robert A 3.0	Doran, James W 3.0
Johnson, Kevin Dale 2.0	Hefley, Brent 3.5 1512 → 1543	Nesham, William 3.0 1062 → 1080	Veyhl, Stanley G 2.5
Cao, Kevin Y 2.0 1911 → 1925	Elizalde, Gerardo 3.0 1456 → 1469	Amann, Jacob S 2.5	Ziebarth, Andrew B 2.5 334 → 525
Rehmeier, Thomas R 2.0 1699 → 1743		Rogge, Harvey H 2.5	Sundaram, Trisha 2.5 330 → 416
<u>UNDER 2000</u>	<u>UNDER 1400</u>	Ziebarth, Brian H 2.5 689 → 851	Complete Award Winners list at www.ChessTour.com
Saidi, Steve 5.0 1913 → 1995 (1st)	Ding, Jialin 4.5 1369 → 1458 (1st)	<p>James Voelker of St. Louis was kind enough to annotate his round 2 game against GM Alejandro Ramirez:</p> <div> <p>Alapin Sicilian 12th Annual Mid-America Open W: James R. Voelker (2113) B: GM Alejandro Ramirez (2592)</p> <p>1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.cxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qe2 0-0</p> <p>10.Bd2? (As Ramirez pointed out, the main line is 10.Qe4 with the idea of 11.Bd3, which is about even. White has a number of other lines such as 10.Nc3 or 10.a3, but my 10. Bd2 is just bad.) 10...Qb6 11.Nc3?! (I should probably try to hang on to the P with 11.exd6 Bxd6 12.Bc3, but it's ugly.) 11...Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Bxd5 (Maybe 13.exd6 Bxd6 14.Nb5, when at least he doesn't have the 2 bishops.) 13...exd5 14.exd6 Bxd6 15.Nb5 Qe5 16.Qxe5 Bxe5 17.Bc3 Bxc3 18.Nxc3 d4 19.Nb5 Rd8 20.Rfd1 d3 21.Rac1 Bf5 (21...a6 might be better, since if black keeps two rooks on one can guard the Pd3 and the other can try to penetrate.) 22.Rc5 Bg6 23.Rc7 Rac8 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Nc3 Rd8 26.Rd2 f6 (White has good chances of playing Ne4 and winning the Pd3.) 27.f3 Kf7 28.Kf2 Ke6 29.Ke3 Ke5 30.f4+ Kf5 31.h3 h5 32.g3 Be8 33.Rg2 Bc6 34.g4+ hxc4 35.hxc4+ Kg6 36.Rh2 d2 37.Nd1 Re8+ 38.Kxd2 Bf3 39.Ne3 (Diagram) (Ramirez said he had planned to play the 2P vs. N endgame 39.Nf2 Re2+ 40.Kc3 Bxc4 41.Nxc4 Rxc4 42.Nxc4 Kf5. I hadn't seen any of it.) 39...Re4 40.Rf2 Rxf4 41.Nf5?? (Black has trouble getting out of the pin after 41.Nf1, and this time the white K is in front of the pawns in the 2P vs. N ending.) Kg5 42.Nxc4 Bxc4 43.Rxf4 Kxf4 44.Ne8 Ke5 45.Nc7 Bd7 0-1 Amusingly, when I looked this opening up after I got home, the model game in the book was one in which Ramirez played black. He's a very talented player and won this tournament in great style.</p> </div>	
Fast, Nathaniel S 3.0 1937 → 1947	Ruggles, Cody B 4.0 1260 → 1371 (2nd)		
Trimble, Selden 3.0	Chan, Sherwin 3.5 UNR → 1514 (3rd)		
Taras, Robert S 2.0 1839 → 1851	Olsen, Erik 3.5 1346 → 1394		
Howlett, Albert D 2.0	Khotsyphom, C 3.0 1313 → 1319		
<u>UNDER 1800</u>	Herbst, Luke Joseph 3.0 1302 → 1315		
Cao, Henry 4.0 1759 → 1780 (2nd)	Compton, Kirby 3.0 1240 → 1303		
Nesham, Timothy C 4.0 1647 → 1725	Poplawski, Marek K 3.0 1223 → 1288		
Vakil, Behrooz 3.5 1797 → 1801			
Tong, William M 3.0 1659 → 1700			
Gadson, Isaiah 3.0 1571 → 1623			
Hua, Margaret 3.0 1415 → 1522			
Boyer, John R 2.5			
Howe, Bob 2.5 1565 → 1610			
Korenblat, Steve 2.5 1541 → 1554			





Winning with the Initiative

~ Joseph A. Garnier ~

The initiative is one of those chess terms that is understood, but beyond a simple definition. As a chess teacher, I took the term for granted until an eight year old asked me, "What's the initiative?"

Although I managed to create an answer which satisfied him, it was obvious I didn't know what the initiative really was. The game I'm about to present demonstrates the initiative in a simple form which is very easy to understand.

Please note, some of my annotations are very simple and obvious. If you're an experienced player, you may want to skip over them. I'll write the simple stuff in parenthesis and the moves of the game in bold.

King's Indian Defense
Zurich International 1953
W: GM Mark Taimanov
B: GM Miguel Najdorf

1.d4 Nf6 (1..d5 is a more classical response. 1..Nf6 is the beginning of the so called Indian defenses which encompass a large area of opening theory.) **2.c4 g6** (Kings Indian Defense) **3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6** (Black takes on a hypermodern opening strategy. Pioneered in the early

1900's, black will try to control the center without occupying it.) **5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5** (Black is justified in this advance and doesn't lose a pawn. 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Bxe5 Regaining the pawn. There are other variations, but black is fine in all of them.) **7.0-0 Nc6** (Provoking d5 while pressuring the center. If white plays 8.d5 black will retreat the knight and begin a plan of Kingside attack.) **8.d5 Ne7** (The other choices are inconsistent and unreasonable. Nb4 and Na5 hang the knight out to dry, and Nb8 sets the board up before the game has ended.) **9. Ne1 Nd7** (These unusual looking knight moves have a very logical purpose. White's knight will return to d3 where it can support b4 and c5 with a Queenside attack. Black's Nd7 defends c5 while allowing him to march forward with his f pawn.) **10. Be3 f5 11. f3 f4 12. Bf2 g5** (Black has made his intentions very clear. He'll begin by moving his Knights to the kingside before making the final breakthrough. Notice how black isn't worried about his open king because the position is closed.)

13. Nd3 Nf6 14. c5 (White is hoping to distract black with his queenside action. Notice how white's next few moves are consistent with this plan. **14...Ng6 15. Rc1 Rf7** (A common idea in the Kings Indian. This rook move serves two purposes. 1. To defend c7 and possibly move to g7. 2. Freeing the f8 square so the bishop can defend d6.) **16. Rc2 Bf8 17. cxd6 cxd6 18. Qd2 g4 19. Rfc1 g3!** (This is where the game turns in Blacks favor. This pawn sacrifice is the beginning of a very strong attack. Notice how black's next seven moves come with a gain of time.)

20. hxg3 fxg3 21. Bxg3 Nh4! 22. Bh2 Be7! (Activating the Bishop with the threat of 23. Bg5.) **23. Nb1!?** (Diagram Right) (White defends by making a



Position after 23.Nb1!?

counter threat. If black plays 23...Bg5? white will follow with 24. Rxc8! Rxc8 25. Rxc8 Qxc8 26. Qxg5 where two bishops are better than a rook.) **23...Bd7** (A simple move that makes the same threat again.) **24. Qe1 Bg5! 25. Nd2 Be3+ 26. Kh1 Qg5** (Take notice of all the black pieces around white's kings. If an attack is going to be successful, you have to use the entire army. Black has done this expertly by bringing in his pieces and keeping white off balance with threats.) **27. Bf1 Raf8 28. Rd1 b5!** (White wanted to play Nc4 with a small amount of counter play. Of course, black shut down this idea quickly.) **29. a4 a6 30. axb5 axb5 31. Rc7** (I doubt a lone rook can do any damage to the entire black army.) **31...Rg7 32. Nb3 Nh4 33. Rc2** (After his brief trip to the 7th rank, the rook comes back to help the



Position after 33...Bh3!

king.) **33...Bh3! (Diagram Left)**

(What a pile up! Black is aiming all of his pieces at the white kingside until it falls apart. Of course white cannot play 34. gxh3 because of 34...Qg1+ 35. Bxg1 Rxc1+ 36. Kh2 Nxf3#)

34. Qe2 Nxe2!! (Time for the breakthrough!) **35.**

Bxg2 Bxg2+ 36. Qxg2 Qh4! (The white queen is at a loss for squares. Any safe looking square loses to a knight fork.) **37. Qxg7+ Kxg7 38. Rg2+ Kh8 39. Ne1** (Holding on for his life and trying to defend with his limited forces.) **39...Nf4 40. Rg3 Bf2** (Black still gains time with each attacking move.) **41. Rg4** (Defending with an attack is a pretty good idea.)

41...Qh3 42. Nd2 h5 43. Rg5 Rg8 (White throws in the towel when faced with the grim options of 44. Rf5

Rg1#, or 44. Rxc8 Kxc8 when the combined threats of Bg3 and Bxe1 are fatal.) **0-1**

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Spotlight on Missouri Chess

~ Steve Goldberg ~

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Thomas Rehmeier



18-year-old Thomas Rehmeier is a high-achiever with even higher aspirations. As of this writing he is set to graduate from Jefferson City High School as either the #1 or #2 student in his class. At a time when most young men and women his age have difficulty visualizing their future careers, he already has his mapped out. He's planning on attending Missouri University of Science & Technology (formerly University of Missouri-Rolla) on a full-tuition scholarship in the fall, ultimately leading to a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering.



If his name seems familiar, it's with good reason. Thomas sits on the Missouri Chess Association board of directors, as the MCA Vice-President, he has directed dozens of tournaments since becoming a TD four years ago and serves as the assistant editor of this Missouri Chess Bulletin. He is scheduled to be the chief director of the upcoming 2008 Missouri Open and Invitational. He also serves as the webmaster for the Missouri Chess Association.

Thomas has played in over 100 rated local, regional and national tournaments. He has been the 10th Grade and 11th Grade State champion, as well as being the 2006 Missouri Scholastic co-champion. Thomas was part of the 2007 National Youth Action championship team, and has been the Jefferson City Chess Club blitz champion every year since 2004. Following an outstanding performance at the 2008 Mid-America Open, in which he defeated a 1956-rated player and drew two experts, his rating stands at 1743.

One of his better games occurred at the August 2006 Mathnasium Tournament. He was rated 1445 at the time and was paired with Kevin Johnson, rated 2000. Take a look at what transpired:

1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 Bf5 6.h3 e6 7.Nh4 Bg6 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.Be2 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.c4 Nbd7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.0-0 g5 14.a3 Nh7 15.b4 a6 16.a4 f5 17.Bh5+ g6 18.Bf3 Nhf6 19.g3 Rxh3 20.Bg2 Rh7 21.b5 Qf8 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Qc2 Qh6 24.Rfc1 Rc8 25.Kf1 Ne4 26.Nf3 Ndf6 27.Ne5 Qh5 28.Qd1 Qh2 29.Nxg6 Ng4 30.Ra2 Fritz advises 30.Qe2 or 30.Qd3, but Black is still winning. And now the lights go out for White. 30...Nxg3+ 31.Ke1 If 31.fxg3 Black has 31...Nxe3+, but White is lost anyway. Qg1+ 32.Kd2 Qxf2+ 33.Kc3 Qxa2 34.Rc2 Qc4+ 35.Kd2 Qb4+ 36.Kc1 Rb8 37.Bxd5 Qa3+ 38.Kd2 Qxe3# 0-1

Steve Goldberg's national "Scholastic Chess" column can be seen at ChessCafe.com.

His scholastic website is found at <http://www.scholasticchess.blogspot.com/>



Position after 30...Nxg3+!

Development, Development, Development

~ International Correspondence Master Robert Jacobs ~

For this bulletin, I've included two games from my Correspondence competitions. The first, against Mr. Chromik, a USCF Correspondence Master, and the second against Mr. Fischvogt, an ICCF International correspondence Master. I've kept the annotations light, because it seems the ideas underlying the players moves are fairly obvious. Black wins each game because of a simple idea, he gets his pieces into the fray more rapidly. It's the old story of development, development, development.

Game 1 (Chromik-Jacobs): 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. c3 Nf6 I guess it's a psychological thing but I'd rather offer gambits than accept them. 5. e5 Ne4 6. Qe2 f5 7. Nxd4 For the probably better move, 7. exf, ep., see the game below. 7... Bc5 8. Nxf5 0-0 9. Qxe4 d5 10. exd6 Bxf2+ (Diagram right) At the time, ECO, then the authoritative source for opening guidance, ended its analysis at this point giving White an edge. No



Position after 14...Qe4!!

Way!! The books aren't always correct. 11. Kxf2 Bxf5 12. Qe1 Qh4+ 13. g3 Bh3+ 14. Kg1 Qe4!! (diagram left) And this pretty much ends it, though Black played on for awhile.

15. Bc4+ Qxc4 16. Bf4 Rae8 17. Qf2 Nd4 18. cxd4 Re1+ And Black resigned in view of 19. Qxe1 Qxd4+ 20. Be3 Qxe3 21. Qxe3 Rc1#. A nice finish — White has most of his starting forces left while Black will deliver mate while down to a rook and a bishop. 0-1

Game 2 (Fischvogt-Jacobs): 1.e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. c3 Nf6 5. e5 Ne4 6. Qe2 f5 7. exf6 d5 8. Nxd4 A difficult position, most books say White stands better but I've always preferred Black's chances since he can quickly generate threats on the open King file. 8....Nxd4 9. cxd4 Kf7!! (diagram right)



Position after 10...Bxf2+!

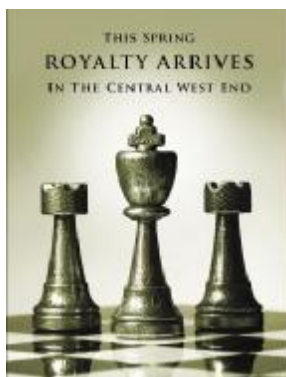
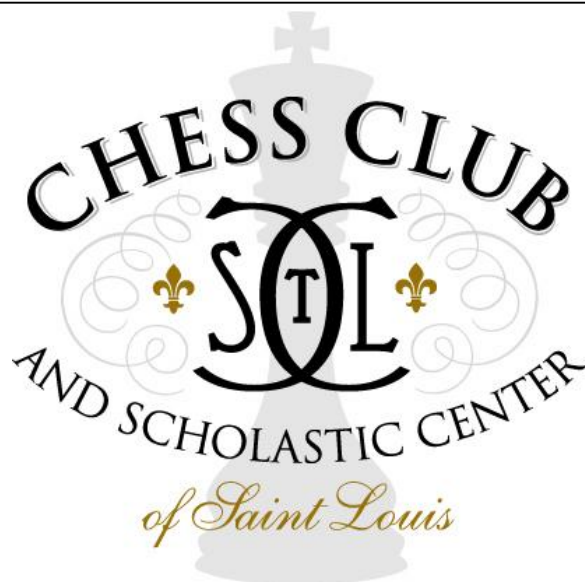


Position after 9...Kf7!!

This is the point of Black's opening strategy. He can't wait to get his rook on that open file... and plans to hide his King behind the White pawn on g7. **10. fxg7 Bb4+ 11. Kd1** Fritz agrees this is best since White will face problems after **11. Bd2 Re8**. Fritz gives White a slight edge in this position, but I think in this case he's wrong! **11... Re8 12. Qh5+ Kg8** Now Black has effectively castled...kind of. **13...Be3 Be6 14. Nc3 Bf7 15. Qf3 c5 16. Bd3 Bxc3 17. bxc3 Nxc3+ 18. Kc1 Ne4 19. Rb1 Qa5 20. Rb2 Qc3+ 21. Bc2 cxd4 22. Bf4 Rac8 23. Kb1 Bg6 24. Ka1 Qxc2!!** (Diagram right) Black's advantage is substantial - Although its unnecessary, the Queen sacrifice seemed to me to be the quickest route to victory. **25. Rxc2 Rxc2 26. Bc1 Rxf2 27. Qb3 Nc3 28. Bb2 Rec2 29. Bxc3 dxc3 30. Qxd5+ Bf7 31. Qd8+ Re8 32. Qa5 Rxa2+ 33. Qxe2 Bxa2 34. Kxa2 Re2+ 35. Kb3 c2** Recognizing the hopelessness of the ending (especially in correspondence chess) , White resigned. **0-1**



Position after 24...Qxc2!!



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Delmar Loop Chess Club: Location: St. Louis Bread Company 6630 Delmar Ave. (U-City) Chess played every night 6-9pm Most players come on weekends. Contact: Joseph Garnier at [<chessoholic@sbcglobal.net>](mailto:chessoholic@sbcglobal.net)

Indian Trails Branch Library: Location: St. Louis County Library 8400 Delport Drive (314) 428-5424 Meets: Tuesdays 3:30 PM. Contact: any library employee

Mid Rivers Mall Chess Club: Location: Food Court, Mid Rivers Mall, Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters. Chess played every Saturday, 8am-noon. Contact: Luke Brodland at [<kalomundi_00@yahoo.com>](mailto:kalomundi_00@yahoo.com)

Saint Louis Chess Club and Scholastic Center: 4657 Maryland Ave. Saint Louis. *Due to open soon* For information, see <http://saintlouischessclub.org> or contact Tony Rich, [<trich@tonyrich.org>](mailto:trich@tonyrich.org)

Saint Peters Chess Club: Location: St. Peters Mathnasium. 235 Salt Lick Road, St. Peters. Meets: Friday nights starting at 6pm. Contact: Tim Nesham at [<tim.nesham@gmail.com>](mailto:tim.nesham@gmail.com)

KANSAS CITY AREA CLUBS

The Chess Club: Location: Vivion West Shopping Center (North KC) 2314 NW Vivion, Riverside MO 64150. Meets: Wed. Fri. Sat, 6:00-12:00 PM. Single visit \$5, Contact: Kenneth Fee (816) 835-7529 or [<chessclub@powerpaw.net>](mailto:chessclub@powerpaw.net). Website: <http://www.powerpaw.net>

Kansas City (KS) Public Library: Location: 625 Minnesota, Kansas City KS. Meets: Wednesdays 5:30-8:00 PM Contact: Brooke Leavitt at (913) 551-3280

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Rockhurst Community Chess Club: Location: Rockhurst University Community Center, 5401 Troost Ave., Kansas City MO 64110 Saturdays 10:00am-1:00pm Contact: Alicia Douglas at (816) 501-4306

Westport Chess Club: Location: Westport Flea Market at 817 Westport Rd., Kansas City, MO 64111 (just east of the intersection of SW Trafficway and Westport Rd.) year-round basis. Tuesday's 6:30-11:00 PM \$2 fee adults, \$1 under 18 Contact: Bill Mendus [<wmendus@swbell.net>](mailto:wmendus@swbell.net)

CLUBS IN OTHER AREAS OF MISSOURI

Columbia -- University of Missouri Chess Club: Location: Memorial Union (518 Hitt Street) Room S203 May-August: Lakota's Coffee, 24 S. Ninth St. Mondays 7-10pm. Contact: Charles Ward at [<czar8196@tranquility.net>](mailto:czar8196@tranquility.net) Website: <http://www.students.missouri.edu/~muchess>

Jefferson City -- Jefferson City Chess Club: Location: Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Room 800, 1201 Fairgrounds Rd, Jefferson City, MO Meets: Wednesdays 7-9pm Contact: Thomas Rehmeier at (573) 291-0852 or [<JCChess89@yahoo.com>](mailto:JCChess89@yahoo.com) Website: <http://www.jcchess.org/>

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Rolla -- UMR Chess Club: Location: Burgess Room - 2nd floor Havener Center. Meets: Tuesdays 6PM Student President: Alex Marler Contact/Info: Selden Trimble at [<sttrimble@rollanet.org>](mailto:sttrimble@rollanet.org)

Springfield - MO State University Chess Club: Location: Plaster Student Union, room 317-A. Meeting hours: Mondays 7-10pm. Contact: Nick Beatty at [<Nbeatty@missouristate.edu>](mailto:Nbeatty@missouristate.edu) Website: <http://www.organizations.missouristate.edu/chess>

Springfield -- Springfield Chess Club: Location: Southside Senior Center 2215 S. Fremont Ave., Springfield, MO Meets: Friday 6:30 to 11PM USCF-rated events. Contact: Jim Baumin at (417) 831-6585 Website: <http://www.geocities.com/SpringfieldChessClub>



Tournament Life

April 26 and 27 – Saint Louis Open – Sunset Hills (StL)

2008 Missouri Invitational Qualifier

6 GPP 5SS G/120; Days Inn, 3660A South Lindbergh, Sunset Hills, MO 63127;
\$\$ Guaranteed \$300, 1st prizes: b/ 60: \$150 1st each X, A, B, C, D, E, U1000, UNR. EF:
\$40 if rec'd by 4/21. \$50 at site. K-12 may enter 1/2 entry but are only eligible for 1/2
prizes. Reg: 8:30-9:30; Rds: Sat-10, 2:30, 7, Sun-9:30, 2; Entries/Info: Missouri Chess
Association, 449 W. Jefferson Ave., Apt B, St. Louis, MO 63122; 314-822-5334

May 3 - Free Chess Tournament - Jefferson City

605 Washington Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101-2923 Reg: 9:30-9:50 AM. Ending about
6 PM. Details at jeffersoncitychess.googlepages.com/nexttournament Contact Mike at 573-
896-5139 or mochessnow@yahoo.com

May 10 – 1st Saint Peters Quick Tournament – St. Peters

4SS, G/29. Mathnasium 235 Salt Lick Rd. St. Peters, MO 63376. Entry fee: \$5, Prizes b/40:
\$100-1st, \$25-2nd. \$25-3rd. Max one 1/2 point bye if declared by Round 1. Reg: 12:00-
12:20. Rds: 12:30/1:40/2:50/4:00. MCA required available on site from \$5. Entries/Info:
Tim Nesham, 636-697-8816.

June 7 – 2nd Saint Peters Quick Tournament – St. Peters

Same details as May 10 Quick Tournament listed above.

June 7 - Free Chess Tournament - Jefferson City

Same details as May 3 - Free Chess Tournament Above

June 14 – Arnold Denker Open – Columbia

3SS, G/75. Memorial Union room N208, 518 Hitt St., Columbia, MO. Directions: From I-
70 exit 126, south on Providence, east on Rollins, north on Hitt. Entry fee: \$1, NO PRIZES-
Just the satisfaction of playing well. Reg: 9:30-10:15. Rds: 10:30-1:15-4:00. Entries/Info:
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<czar8196@tranquility.net>

June 20 and 21 – The Chess Club Championship – Kansas City

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June 28 and 29 – Missouri Class Championships – Columbia

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5SS, G/120. Best Western Columbia Inn, 3100 I-70 Dr. SE, Columbia, MO 65201 (on the
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required for MO residents, available on site from \$5. Hotel: \$74.95/night, Free Wi-Fi &
breakfast, 573-474-6161 mention CHESS. Entries/Info: Bob Howe, 4403 Gage Place,
Columbia, MO 65203; 636-234-7928

July 12 – 3rd Saint Peters Quick Tournament – St. Peters

Same details as May 10 Quick Tournament listed above.

July 25 to 27 – Kansas City Open – Kansas City

5SS 40/2 SD 1. The Chess Club, 2512 NW Vivion Rd, Riverside, MO 64150. Open and Reserve (U1500) sections. \$\$ Guaranteed, \$150-1st in each section. Registration: Friday 6-7 PM or Saturday 9-10:30 AM. Round times: Fri-7, Sat-11/5, Sun-10/4. Entry Fee: Free. MCA required, available on site from \$5. Entries/Info: Ken Fee; 816-835-7529

July 26 - Free Chess Tournament - Jefferson City

605 Washington Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101-2923 Reg: 9:30-9:50 AM. Ending about 6 PM. Details at jeffersoncitychess.googlepages.com/nexttournament Contact Mike at 573-896-5139 or mochessnow@yahoo.com

Scholastics



The Scholastic season is winding down. Look here in the summer issue to start planning next year's chess schedule!

National Events:

Burt Lerner Elementary Championships,

May 9-11, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

<http://main.uschess.org/tournaments/2008/elem/>

2008 US Junior Open

July 25-27 Lindsborg Kansas

6SS G/120 . Players compete in Under 21, Under 15 or Under 11 sections with trophies awarded to the best scores in many classes. Email sjogrenr@behtanylb.edu for more info
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Zeb Fortman Chess Camps: Kansas City

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See: http://zebfortman.com/chess_camp.htm

USA Chess, Held in St. Louis, July 21-25

See: <http://www.chesscamp.com>

The Chess Club, Kansas City

June 23rd -27th, 2008 and July 21st – 25th,

See: <http://www.kcchess.org/>



White to move and win Material:
Answer— see page 31



GAMES FROM MISSOURI PLAYERS

Najdorf Sicilian

World Amateur Team

W: David Cole (2038)

B: Ana Izoria (2129)

David Cole, a MCA life member who now resides in New Jersey still keeps up with Missouri chess, and sent back this game for us to enjoy:

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. a4 e5 7. Nf3 Qc7 8. Bd3 Be7 9. h3 O-O 10. O-O Be6 11. Qe2 h6 12. Be3 d5 13. exd5 Nxd5 14. Nxd5 Bxd5 15. Bd2 Nd7 16. Rfe1 Bf6 17. Bc3 Rfe8 18. Be4 Bxe4 19. Qxe4 Re6 20. Rad1 Nc5 21. Qc4 Rc8 22. Rd5 e4 23. Nd4 Bxd4 24. Qxd4 f6 25. Qc4 Kf7 26. Red1 Qc6 27. Rd6 Qxa4 28. Qd5 a5 29. Bd4 Rc6 30. Bxc5 Rxd6 31. Bxd6 Qxc2 32. Qxb7+ Kg6 33. Qd5 Re8 34. Ba3 a4 35. Rd2 Qb1+ 36. Kh2 Re5 37. Qd4 Qe1 38. Qe3 Qc1 39. Rd4 Qc6 40. Bd6 Re6 41. Bf8 Kh7 42. Qg3 Qb7 43. Rc4 Qf7 44. Ba3 Re5 45. Rxa4 Qd7 46. Rc4 Qd1 47. h4 Qh5 48. Qf4 Rg5 49. Qxe4+ Rg6 50. Rc5 Qd1 51. h5 Qd6+ 52. g3 1-0

Italian Opening

Stillwater Winter FIDE Open

W: Jim Berry (1959)

B: Henry Cao (1719)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. c3 Nf6 5. d4 exd4 6. cxd4 Bb4+ 7. Nc3 Nxe4 8. O-O Nxc3 9. bxc3 d5 10. cxb4 dxc4 11. Re1+ Ne7 12. b5 O-O 13. Ba3 Re8 14. Qc2 Be6 15. Ng5 Nf5 16. Nxe6 fxe6 17. Qxc4 Qxd4 18. Qb3 Qb6 19. Bb2 Rad8 20. Rad1 Nd4 21. Qc4 c5 22. Kf1 Kf7 23. Re5 Nxb5 24. Rxd8 Rxd8 25. Rf5+ Kg8 26. Rxc5 Qd6 27. g3 a6 28. a4 Na7 29. Kg2 Nc6 30. Rg5 Rd7 31. Ba3 Qxa3 32. Qxe6+ Rf7 33. Rf5 Qf8 0-1

Queen Gambit Declined—Exchange

12th Annual Mid-America Open

W: Tim Steiner (2030)

B: GM Alex Yermolinsky (2587)

A 500 point upset is always exciting, but when the opponent has GM in front of their name it's even more so. Tim Steiner, a Kansas resident who is a regular at Missouri tournaments, defeated GM Yermolinsky at the recent Mid-America Open. Here's that victory, which Tim annotated for the USCF website. You can see the annotations at <http://main.uschess.org/content/view/8242/443/>

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 Na6 7.a3 Nc7 8.e3 Ne6 9.Bh4 Be7 10.Bd3 g6 11.Nge2 O-O 12.f3 b6 13.O-O Bb7 14.Rad1 Re8 15.Kh1 Qd7 16.Bf2 Nh5 17.Ng3 Nhg7 18.f4 Nc7 19.f5 Rad8 20.Be1 Bf8 21.Qe2 c5 22.Qf3 Bc6 23.h4 Bd6 24.h5 Bxg3 25.Bxg3 Nxh5 26.Bh4 Rc8 27.g4 Ng7 28.Rf2 Rf8 29.Rh2 gxf5 30.gxf5 f6 31.Rg1 Nce8 32.Bg3 Rf7 33.Bf4 Nd6 34.Qh3 Kf8 35.Bh6 Nde 36.Rhg2 b5 37.Ne2 c4 38.Bc2 Kg8 39.Nf4 Kh8 40.Ne6 Rc7 41.Bd1 Qc8 42.Bh5 1-0

Benko Gambit

12th Annual Mid-America Open

W: Mark Hamilton (2012)

B: Thomas R. Rehmeier (1699)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 g6 6.e4 d6 7.a4 axb5 8.Bxb5+ Bd7 9.Na3 Bg7 10.Ne2 Na6 11.Bd2 Nc7 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Nc4 Rfb8 15.a5 Ra6 16.Nb6 Qe8 17.0-0 Nd7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Qc2 Nb5 20.Qd3 Qb7 21.Na4 Nc7 22.Bc3 Bxc3 23.Qxc3 Qb4 24.Nb6 Qxc3 25.bxc3 Nb5 26.c4 Nd4 27.e5 Nb3 28.Rae1 Nxa5 29.Nd7 Rb7 30.exd6 exd6 31.Re7 Raa7 32.Nf6+ Kg7 33.Rxb7 Nxb7 34.Ne8+ Kf8 35.Re1 Ra4 36.Re4 f5 37.Re6 Rxc4 38.Nxd6 Nxd6 39.Rxd6 Rd4 40.Rd7 Ke8 41.Rxh7 Rxd5 42.Rg7 Rd6 43.Rc7 Rd5 44.Kf2 f4 ½-½

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English Opening, 1...Nf6

Internet Chess Club G15 Tournament

W: Richard Pointer (1846)

B: GM Hikaru Nakamura (2180)

The following is a Game/15 tournament game played on ICC(Internet Chess Club).

GM Nakamura (Smallville) vs Saint Louis resident Richard Pointer (IvanGrozni).

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nf3 O-O 5. O-O d6 6. Nc3 e5 7. d3 Nc6 8. Ne1 a5 9. a3 Be6 10. Nc2 d5 11. Bg5 dxc4 12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13. Ne4 cxd3 14. Qxd3 Be7 15. Rad1 Qxd3 16. Rxd3 f5 17. Nc3 e4 18. Rd2 Rad8 19. Rfd1 Rxd2 20. Rxd2 Rd8 21. Rxd8+ Nxd8 22. Nd4 Bf6 23. Nxe6 Nxe6 24. Nd5 Bxb2 25. a4 c6 26. Ne3 b5 27. axb5 cxb5 28. Nd1 Bf6 29. e3 a4 30. Bf1 a3 {White resigns} 0-1

Caro-Kann

Stillwater Winter FIDE Open

W: Kevin Y Cao (1884)

B: Jim Berry (1959)

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. Bd3 Nf6 6. Bf4 Qb6 7. Nc3 Bg4 8. Na4 Qa5+ 9. c3 e6 10. Qb3 Rc8 11. Qxb7 Qd8 12. Ba6 Bxf3 13. gxf3 Nh5 14. Qxc8 Qxc8 15. Bxc8 Nxf4 16. b4 Bd6 17. Nc5 Ke7 18. Ba6 Rb8 19. a4 e5 20. Bb5 Nd8 21. Kd2 f6 22. Rhe1 Nf7 23. dxe5 fxe5 24. Nd3 Kf6 25. Nxf4 exf4 26. Re8 Rb6 27. Ra8 Ne5 28. Rxa7 Nxf3+ 29. Ke2 Nxh2 30. f3 Be5 31. Rh1 Bxc3 32. Rxh2 Re6+ 33. Kf2? Bd4+ 34. Kf1 Bxa7 35. Rxh7 Re3 36. Be2 d4 37. Rh4 g5 38. Rh7 Re7 39. Rxe7 Kxe7 40. a5 Kd6 41. b5 Kc5 42. b6 Bb8 43. Kg2 Kc6 44. Kh3 Kb7 45. Kg4 1-0

Italian Game

Youth Action

W: Joshua Bentley (1062)

B: Brad Schlosser (1865)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. O-O d6 5. h3 Nf6 6. Nc3 Be6 7. Bxe6 fxe6 8. d3 O-O 9. Bg5 Qe8 10. Nb5 Rc8 11. d4 exd4 12. Nfxd4 Nxe4 13. Be3 e5 14. Nxc6 Qxc6 15. Nc3 Bxe3 16. fxe3 Nxc3 17. bxc3 Qe4 18.

Qd3 Qxd3 19. cxd3 Rxf1+ 20. Rxf1 Rf8 21. Rxf8+ Kxf8 22. Kf2 Ke7 23. Kf3 Ke6 24. d4 Kd5 25. dxe5 Kxe5 26. Ke2 Ke4 27. g4 g5 28. c4 c5 29. a4 a5 30. Kd2 d5 31. cxd5 Kxd5 32. Kd3 b6 33. e4+ Ke5 34. Kc4 Kxe4 35. Kb5 Kd3 36. Kxb6 c4 37. Kb5 c3 38. Kxa5 c2 39. Kb5 c1=Q 40. a5 Qc8 41. a6 Qa8 42. Kb6 Ke3 43. a7 Kf3 44. h4 gxh4 45. g5 h3 0-1

Modern Defense

Quantum Quads

W: Kevin Y Cao (1925)

B: Ronald G Luther (2216)

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 a6 4. Bc4 b5 5. Bb3 Bb7 6. a3 c5 7. Nge2 c4 8. Ba2 Nf6 9. f3 e6 10. e5 Ng8 11. Ng3 Qh4 12. O-O d5 13. Be3 Nc6 14. Qd2 Bh6 15. f4 Nge7 16. Rf3 Rc8 17. Nge2 Nf5 18. Rh3 Qg4 19. Nd1 Nh4 20. Rg3 Qf5 21. Nf2 f6 22. Rh3 g5 23. exf6 gxf4 24. Nxf4 Bxf4 25. Rxh4 Bxe3 26. Qxe3 Kd7 27. Re1 Rce8 28. Rf4 Qg6 29. Ng4 Rhf8 30. h3 Kc7 31. c3 Qg5 32. Qg3 Kc8 33. Qf2 Rf7 34. Bb1 h5 35. h4 Qg8 36. Nh6 Qf8 37. Nxf7 Qxf7 38. Re3 e5 39. dxe5 Rxe5 40. Rxe5 Nxe5 41. Qg3 Kd8 42. Qg7 Bc8 43. Qxf7 Nxf7 44. Bg6 Be6 45. Bxb5 Kd7 46. Bxf7 Bxf7 47. g4 Kd6 48. Kf2 Ke6 49. g5 a5 50. Ke3 a4 51. Kd4 Kd6 52. Rf1 Bh5 53. Re1 Bf7 54. Re7 Bg6 55. Rg7 Black resigns 1-0

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Puzzle Answers! Page 18 Left-

White can toss away his Queen and rook for mate, 1. QxRf8+ KxQf8 2. Rd8+ BxRd8 3. RxBd8 ++

Page 18 Right— 1. Bf5+ Kd8 That was easy, did you find the rest? 2. Rxd5 cxd5 and surprise! 3. c6, and Black must give his rook for free or the C pawn will Queen.

Page 29— 1. NF6+!!, Black must take the Knight or lose his queen. 1..gxf6, And the Bishop swoops in 2. BxNc6, the Black Queen is lost anyway.

2008 Missouri State Championship

2008 Invitational Qualifiers

<u>Event</u>	<u>Invitee</u>
2007 State Championship <i>Columbia</i>	RONALD G. LUTHER
Missouri Open <i>Columbia</i>	JAMES A. DAVIES
Jefferson City Open <i>Jefferson City</i>	KEVIN DALE JOHNSON
Saint Louis Open <i>St. Louis</i>	APRIL 26-27, 2008
Missouri Class Championships <i>Columbia</i>	JUNE 28-29, 2008

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