



MISSOURI CHESS ASSOCIATION

MISSOURI CHESS BULLETIN

WWW.MOCHESS.ORG



Missouri's 2008
Class Champions



Volume 35 Number Three—Summer 2008 Issue
Serving Missouri Chess Since 1973



TABLE OF CONTENTS

Missouri Chess Bulletin

~Volume 35 Number 3 - Summer 2008~

Notes from the Editor.....	Pg 3
Recent Chess News	Pg 4
Membership & Subscription Information/Board Contacts	Pg 5
Distinguished Missouri Chess Players	Pg 6
2008 Missouri Class Championship (Cover Story).....	Pg 7-9
~Bob Howe	
Missouri Scholastics Take a Ride South to Georgia.....	Pg 10-11
~Douglas R. Howe	
Denker/Polgar Playoffs.....	Pg 12
Highlights of Chess History.....	Pg 14-15
~International Correspondence Master Bart F. Gibbons	
Saint Louis Open Report	Pg 16-18
~Cesareo Rodriguez	
Spotlight on Missouri Chess	Pg 19
~Steve Goldberg	
Bragging Rights	Pg 20-21
~Joseph A. Garnier	
IM Brooks Posts Perfect Simul.....	Pg 22
~Thomas R. Rehmeier	
Regional Chess Clubs	Pg 23
Future Tournaments.....	Pg 24-25
Arnold Denker Open / Quick Chess in Saint Peters	Pg 26
~Charles E. W. Ward / Timothy C. Nesham	
Missouri Chess Player Games Collection	Pg 27-30
State Champions.....	Pg 31
2008 Missouri Invitational Championship Qualifiers	Back Cover



The Missouri Chess Bulletin is the official publication of the Missouri Chess Association, a not-for-profit organization which promotes and supports chess in Missouri. The Missouri Chess Bulletin was founded in 1973 and is published quarterly. Unsolicited manuscripts and letters are welcome. All submissions become the property of the MCA and the MCA reserves the right to edit any and all material received for publication. Published opinions are those of contributors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the MCA.

From the Editor...

Greetings Missouri Chess Players. I hope you enjoy the Summer 2008 edition of the Missouri Chess Bulletin. Many of our regular contributors have continued their excellent writing, and we have some new additions to share with you as well. Don't forget the online version of this, and many previous editions of the MCB can be viewed at the Missouri Chess Association's website, www.mochess.org. The organization's website is maintained and kept up to date for your benefit, with upcoming tournaments, announcements, crosstables from recent events, and a wealth of Missouri chess information. Be sure to check it out regularly to keep up with what's going on around the state.

Speaking of the MCA website, I'm happy to introduce a new feature on the site relating to this publication. The mochess.org website has always had a nice games collection that could be viewed and played through. Our former webmaster Charlie Ward put together a Java program that lets you play live through thousands of games from local tournaments that occurred between 1999-today. Starting with the Summer edition, each Missouri Chess Bulletin will have its own easily accessible file, so any and all games featured in these pages can be played live on a computer. It's a great way to go through the games for those who prefer the speed of the computer, while enjoying the annotations or notes provided in the written bulletin. I hope you find this new addition useful.

Missouri chess has seen plenty of activity in recent months. Two of Missouri's landmark events, the St. Louis Open and the Missouri Class Championship have been held, with a good turnout and smoothly run events in both cases. Various other events have filled the calendar as well, including the "Sweet Summer Swiss" series. These were a set of events run by up and coming director Matt Angeli, who is admirably filling some of the void left behind by the loss of Al Howlett's events in St. Louis. Matt's last tournament in that series is set for July 19th. The tournament will correspond with the grand opening of the new St. Louis Chess and Scholastic Center. The much anticipated club is set to open its doors on July 17th. We'll have a full report on the new club in the Fall edition of the MCB.

Your own club may not be a grand facility in a new building, but I'm sure it's a great place to gather and play chess as well. Let everyone know about it! Be sure your club is listed in this Bulletin. If not, then let us know and we'll advertise Missouri chess clubs in this publication and on the MCA website, for free of course. Your tournaments or activities can be listed too. The MCA exists to promote and assist chess players in Missouri, let us know how we can help you.

Thanks for your support
of the MCB,

Bob Howe
Editor



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

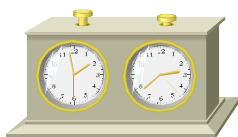
- A full report from the opening of the new Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis. Including photos and information from its grand opening and upcoming events.
- New feature articles from ICCM Bart Gibbons, LM Bob Holliman, and eight time State Champion Ron Luther.
- Articles, annotated games, and interesting stories from YOU! The members that make up the MCA.

*Deadline for the articles and
games for the Summer issue is
September 15th, 2008.*

Support The MCA!

Please check your MCA membership expiration date. If it will expire within a few months, renew today. We hope you appreciate the MCA and its website at www.mochess.org. The printed MCB is sent to current Members for only \$12, and all other Members can view the MCB online at www.mochess.org for only \$5. Special rates for families also available.

Recent News in Missouri Chess



Missouri's Margaret Hua has received a special honor. In April Margaret was named to the USCF's World Youth Team! She will be joining an elite field of juniors that will travel to Vietnam in October to take on players from across the globe. Margaret, a nine-year old with an impressive 1524 rating, qualified for the World Youth Under 10 Championship by being among the top three highest rated girls in the country in her age group. The trip will be a great opportunity for her not only to travel across the Pacific and face top notch competition, but also to be coached by a team of Grandmasters that will accompany the kids. Each of her games will be analyzed by a GM coach, and with pairings released the evening before, the GM's will even help prepare Margaret to meet her specific opponents. I'm confident she will represent Missouri well at this event. The MCB hopes to have a full report on her trip after she returns.



Nine-Year-old Margaret Hua will represent the US in the World Youth 2009 Event in Vietnam.

The opening date for the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis has arrived at last. A grand opening has been set for Thursday, July 17th. Just two days later the Center will host its first Saturday tournament. This date corresponds closely to the publication date of this edition, so I will either encourage everyone able to attend, or wish the event went well! :) The Club already has a healthy list of activities planned for those in or traveling through the St. Louis area. See page 21 of this publication for more details on the club.



World Champion
Visy Anand

Plans are still under way to bring current World Champion Visy Anand on a tour of Missouri. The FIDE World Champion is focused on his upcoming title defense match with Vladimir Kramnik, but plans a US tour after that. He has tentatively accepted an invitation to visit Missouri on that tour. We'll let you know as soon as dates and plans have been finalized!

Congratulations to these winners of recent Missouri Tournaments

St. Louis Open - James McLaughlin,
James Voelker, & Waldo Odak

May St. Peter's Quick - Ron Luther

Farmington Open - David Gilchrist

KC Quick - Ron Luther

Arnold Denker Open - Bob Holliman &
Tony Dutiel

South County Swiss - Kevin Cao

Sweet Summer Swiss - Steven Bange

June St. Peter's Quick - Josh Frank &
Joseph Garnier

Missouri Class Championship:
Master/Expert - Ron Luther & Kevin Johnson
Class A - Dan Huff
Class B - Tim Nesham
Class C - Cody Ruggles
Class D - Tim Campbell & Stephen Easton
Class E - Austin Madenwald
Under 1000 - Ashwath Kumar



Membership & Subscriptions

A one-year membership in the Missouri Chess Association includes a subscription to the quarterly *Missouri Chess Bulletin* chess publication, available in electronic or hard-copy, as well as eligibility to play in MCA-sponsored tournaments including State Championship titled events.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS	COST (1 Yr)
Regular <i>Ages 25+; Includes hard-copy MCB.</i>	\$12.00
Scholastic <i>Under 25; Includes hard-copy MCB.</i>	\$8.00
Electronic (Economy) <i>Provides online MCB access. **Email address required.</i>	\$5.00
Family <i>2 Adults & children under 25 Provides one hard-copy MCB.</i>	\$18.00
Scholastic Family <i>All children under 25.</i>	\$12.00

If you would like to join the MCA, please fill out a membership form (*available at mochess.org*) and mail it along with dues to the MCA Membership Coordinator:

Wayne Bartlett
P.O. Box 417
Oak Grove, MO 64075

Also be sure to include your E-mail address to receive tournament announcements and notices when the new issue of the MCB is released. For more information on joining the MCA, please visit <http://www.mochess.org/> and click the 'Join Us' link.

MCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS 2007-2008

REGION 1—SAINT LOUIS

Edward C. Baur (President): 7138 Lindenwood, St. Louis, MO 63109. 314-645-2897.

[<ecbaur@gmail.com>](mailto:ecbaur@gmail.com)

John F. Wiedner (Secretary): 12545 Olive Blvd. #254, Creve Coeur, MO 63141. 314-952-4183.

[<jfwiedner@medsys.net>](mailto:jfwiedner@medsys.net)

William H. Wright (Treasurer): 449 W Jefferson Ave. Apt B, St. Louis, MO 63122. 314-822-5334.

[<chesswright@charter.net>](mailto:chesswright@charter.net)

REGION 2—KANSAS CITY

Joseph C. Conklin: 4145 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64110. 816-561-2742

Kenneth E. Fee, Jr.: 1537 Baker Street, Liberty, MO 64068. 816-392-3576.

[<kfee@kc.rr.com>](mailto:kfee@kc.rr.com)

Bob Holliman: PO BOX 1871, Independence, MO 64055. 816-836-0568.

[<chess_entries@comcast.net>](mailto:chess_entries@comcast.net)



REGION 3—REST OF STATE

Timothy V. Campbell: 6104 E. Sharon Lane, Columbia, MO 65202. 573-696-0082.

[<TRJCamp@aol.com>](mailto:TRJCamp@aol.com)

Bob Howe: 4403 Gage Place, Columbia, MO 65203. 573-445-5458.

[<bdhowe@yahoo.com>](mailto:bdhowe@yahoo.com)

Thomas R. Rehmeier (Vice President): 5217 Denice St., Jefferson City, MO 65109. 573-291-0852.

[<T.Rehmeier@yahoo.com>](mailto:T.Rehmeier@yahoo.com)

MISSOURI PLAYERS ON THE USCF TOP 100 LISTS

Overall

85 IM Michael A. Brooks (2423)

Correspondence

17 Robert Merton Jacobs (2400)

58 Laurence Anderson (2248)

Quick

15 IM Michael A. Brooks (2542)

82 Charles Lawton (2266)

Over 65

48 Robert Merton Jacobs (2106)

Under 21

57 Thomas G. Gossell (2218)

Age 18

66 Renzo Herrera (1903)

Age 17

48 Nick W. Karlow (1936)

79 Frank H. Smith (1817)

Age 16

30 Kevin Guo (2001)

53 Brad Schlosser (1866)

Age 15

82 Henry Cao (1775)

Age 12

64 Isaiah Gadson (1642)

86 Vikram Arun (1586)

Age 11

10 Kevin Y. Cao (1899)

38 William M. Tong (1701)

68 Jialin Ding (1546)

Age 9

22 Margaret M. Hua (1524)

Girls Under 13

24 Margaret M. Hua (1524)

55 Joanna Gossell (1255)

USCF June Top 100 List

TITLED MISSOURI PLAYERS

Michael A. Brooks

International Master

Robert M. Jacobs

Correspondence IM

Bart F. Gibbons

Correspondence IM

MISSOURI'S TOP 50 PLAYERS

1	IM Michael A Brooks	2423
2	Charles Lawton	2358
3	Bart F Gibbons	2256
4	Kenneth E Jones	2232
5	Loal W Davis	2227
6	Thomas G Gossell	2218
7	Ronald G Luther	2206
8	Andrew J Witte	2158
9	James F McLaughlin	2132
10	James R Voelker	2120
11	Bob Holliman	2110
12	Rich Jackson	2108
13	Robert Merton Jacobs	2106
14	Kenneth P Thomas	2098
15	Pranav Akolkar	2075
16	Aaron S Dubin	2059
17	Waldo Odak	2052
18	Steve Saidi	2041
19	Zebedee Fortman III	2040
20	Richard Wagner	2040
21	Gary Michael White	2029
22	Jeremy M Volkmann	2022
23	James A Davies	2017
24	Paul W Cornelison	2003
25	Kevin Guo	2001
26	Kevin Dale Johnson	2000
27	Joshua Frank	1991
28	Benjamin M Gradsky	1985
29	Joshua Frank	1992
30	Daniel R Huff	1974
31	Francis Crow	1946
32	Nick W Karlow	1936
33	Selden Trimble	1925
34	Zebedee Forman, Jr	1923
35	Mark T Smith	1907
36	Daniel A Juengel	1906
37	Renzo Herrera	1903
38	Adil Skuka	1900
39	Mark A Cogley	1883
40	Kevin Y Cao	1882
41	Joseph Anton Garnier	1875
42	Steven D Bange	1872
43	Robert S Taras	1858
44	Kenneth E Fee, Jr	1856
45	Brad Schlosser	1855
46	Nathanael Swinger	1850
47	Raymond J Birt	1845
48	Daniel J Coryea	1833
49	William L Steevens	1830
50	Matthew Lucas Barrett	1825

July 2008: *Active in the last 3 years.

MISSOURI CHESS HALL OF FAME

James A. Davies (2000)

Donald Oswald* (2001)

Robert Merton Jacobs (2002)

Michael A. Brooks (2003)

Robert Steinmeyer* (2006)

*Awarded Posthumously

Nominations for the Hall of Fame are due to the Secretary by June 15, for each nomination year.

Please include a short biography and a description of the nominee's significant contributions to chess in the state of Missouri. The Inductee(s) are announced each year at the Missouri Open.

Missouri Class Championship

~ Bob Howe ~
Columbia, Missouri

Forty nine players gathered in Columbia during the last weekend of June to compete in the annual Missouri Class Championships. This event is consistently one of the largest drawing events in the state, and this year was no exception. Players from across the state were well represented, as well as a few guests from Iowa and Arkansas. The event was again held the Best Western Columbia Inn. The hotel has hosted the site for two years now, and will be the location for the upcoming Missouri Chess Festival this September.

SATURDAY: ROUNDS 1-3

The top two divisions once again faced merging this year, as the A class players were paired up with the M/X section. The first round saw the Masters and Experts take a hard hit, as three of the top four seeds gave up losses or draws. Among the 2000+ rated field, only Kevin Johnson survived, and his game was a titanic struggle that went down to the wire, with the game finally decided with both players under two minutes. This opened the field wide open, it looked like the invitational spot would be up for grabs for any player in the tough field. Things returned a bit more to normal as rounds 2 and 3 rolled by, as most of the favorites were able to rack up some points. They needed all they could get to stay in reach of Johnson, who completed the day 3/3.

In Class B Tim Nesham established himself as the man to beat after day one, as he was the only player with a perfect score. Tim is one of those many players you see return from a playing hiatus and take a rating hit, but in this case he has recovered nicely, returned to form and is gaining back points each event.



C Class was a larger division this year, so it saw two players still standing after day one. Ed Baur and Cody Ruggles each made it through Saturday at 3/3 setting up a face off in round 4, with the winner in the driver's seat for that Class Championship Plaque.

Tim Campbell survived a blistering attack in round three and came out unscathed as the only undefeated in D Class on Saturday. He was closely pursued by several players with 2 points, so he'll need a strong day on Sunday to hold that lead.

The E and U/1000 sections were merged, where again upsets abounded, as the top boards faced early defeats. By the end of the day, Ashwath Kumar and Austin Madenwald, both rated below 1000, had completed a hard fought draw against each other and stood in the lead with 2.5/3. The draw gave both a crucial half point, but allowed other players to stay close in their pursuit.

SUNDAY: ROUNDS 4-5

Day two saw decisive battles as the leaders of each section squared off to take the State Titles. In the U/1000

section, leader Ashwath Kumar was nicked for a draw in the fourth round by a promising scholastic player Vishal Bharadwaj, but Ashwath came back strong in the final round with a victory, and his undefeated 4/5 was enough to win the merged section and take the State Novice Title. Day one E Class leader Austin Madenwald also held onto his lead in day two. He tied for 2nd in the merged division, and secured the Class E title with a fine last round victory.

Round Four saw D Class leader Tim Campbell fall from the lacks of the undefeated at the hands of Stephen Easton. Both players entered the last round tied for first, and went on to win their round five game to finish with 4 wins to 1 loss, which shared first prize. Tim took home the plaque by the barest of margins in tie-breaks over the co-champion Easton. Congratulations to both players.

A head-to-head battle by the C class leaders resulted in victory for Cody Ruggles over Ed Baur. The lowest rated player in the section now stood atop it with one round to play! Cody had an official rating in D class, but after a few good results recently, had unofficially moved into C, and choose to play there rather than try for prize money in the lower division. It turned out to make little difference, as Cody defeated his 5th round opponent as well to run the table playing up! His impressive showing was the only perfect 5/5 score of the tournament, and vaulted the young man up over 150 points!

B Class was another example of the day one tournament leader holding on against his pursuers to keep the top spot. In the fourth round, leader Tim Nesham's perfect record was nicked by a draw against Doug Howe, but he came through strong with a final round victory to claim the State Title and the 2nd best score in the event, at 4.5/5. Tim annotated his victory over 2nd place finisher Robert Stepp for the MCB, and can be seen on the next page.

Day two saw the top section leader Kevin Johnson defeat his closest pursuer, Nathan Swinger in Round Four. This left him with a full point lead going into the final round, but it wasn't as comforting as it sounds. His last opponent would be defending M/X and Missouri State Champion Ron Luther, who could still tie for first with a victory over Johnson. The game was a hard fought affair, but the State Champion got the better position and pressured the tournament leader until his defense failed. The two shared first prize, with LM Ron Luther taking the plaque on tie-breaks. Dan Huff also secured a plaque, with the best score among the A Class participants. Ron Luther already held an invitation to the state championship as defending champ, and Kevin Johnson had earlier earned one with a victory at the Jefferson City Open, so the coveted Invitational prize fell to Dr. Nathan Swinger. Congratulations to Nathan's for securing his second trip to the Invitational.

Finally I'd like to recognize a number of players who fell short of a title, but who's performance earned them big rating gains. Congratulations on a great event to Emily Thompson, Vishal Bharadwaj, Isaiah Angeli, Charles Ward, Ed Baur, and Thomas Gaul. Well done players!

Below are games from the tournament: (*additional games, pgs 27-30*)

Sicilian Defense

2008 Missouri Class Championship

W: James S. Ellis (2200)

B: Selden Trimble (1925)

James Ellis, a former Missouri State champion who now resides in Iowa, returned to over the board play for the first time in many years. In the following first round

contest, Selden Trimble gave the master a tough first game back, with a Sicilian featuring material imbalances and crazy complications. 1.e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb5 d6 6. N1c3 a6 7. Na3 b5 8. Nd5 f5 9. Bd3 Nf6 10. Bg5 Be7 11. Bxf6 Bxf6 12. c3 f4 13. Nc2 O-O 14. a4 Rb8 15. axb5 axb5 16. Ncb4 Nxb4 17. Nxb4 Bh4 18. Qe2 f3 19. gxf3 Bg4 20. fxf4 Rxf2 21. Qxf2 Bxf2+ 22. Kxf2 (Diagram Right) Qh4+ 23. Ke3 Qg5+ 24. Ke2 Qxg4+ 25. Ke3 Qg5+ 26. Ke2 Qg2+ 27. Ke3 Qg5+ Draw Agreed. 1/2-1/2



Ellis-Trimble
Position after 22. Kxf2

Pirc Defense

2008 Missouri Class Championship

W: Tim V. Campbell (1374)
B: John W. Want (1366)

Here's a nice win from D class champion Tim Campbell.

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. f4 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. e5 dxe5 6. fxe5 Nd5 7. Bd2 Nxc3 8. Bxc3 e6 9. Nf3 O-O 10. Bc4 b6 11. O-O Bb7 12. Qe2 Bd5 13. Rf2 Nc6 14. Rf1 Bxc4 15. Qxc4 Qd5 16. Qe2 Nd8 17. Nd2 c5 18. Qe3 cxd4 19. Bxd4 Qd7 20. c3 Nb7 21. Ne4 Rac8 22. Nf6+ Bxf6 23. exf6 Kh8 24. Qh6 Rg8 25. Rf3 1-0

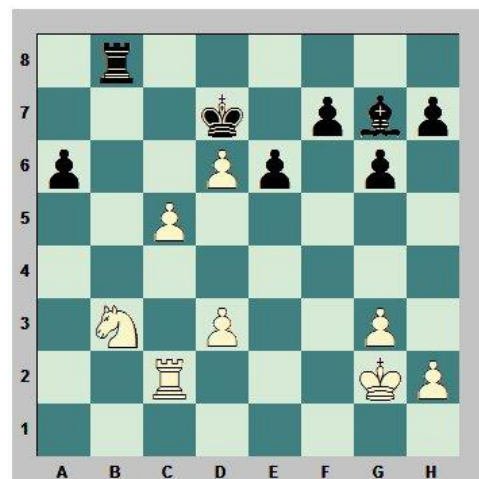
Sicilian Defense

2008 Missouri Class Championship

W: Robert V. Stepp (1725)
B: Timothy C. Nesham (1715)

Class B champion Tim Nesham annotates his win over runner up Robert Stepp. 1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. d3 e6 6. Be3 d6 7. Qd2 a6 {Not the best. Rb8 is better. I can recall IM John Donaldson saying, after going over one of my games, "if you're going to play Rb8, play Rb8". a6 is a waste of time.} 8. Nge2 Rb8 9. O-O b5 10. f4 Nd4 {Nge7 is

better. Now e5, Fritz gives +1.46.} 11. Nc1 {The retreat seems early. White wants to gain time by kicking my N with c3 later, but he loses time at the moment.} Ne7 {Preparing for the f5 pawn roller typical of this variation. White doesn't have the attack yet.} 12. Nd1 b4 {Later I learned this is an idea in this opening. My N may get kicked, and White has the center, but Black gets the open B file and the Black B on the long diagonal is strong.} 13. c3 bxc3 14. bxc3 Ndc6 15. e5 dxe5 {I didn't like the alternatives. But this was probably a decisive mistake.} 16. Bxc5 Qa5 17. Bd6 Rb5 18. a4 Qb6+ 19. Qf2 Qxf2+ 20. Rxf2 Rb6 21. a5 Rb5 22. c4 Rxa5 23. Rxa5 Nxa5 24. fxe5 Nac6 25. Re2 {Bxe7 Nxe7 d4 and the pawns look strong.} Nd4 26. Re4 Ndf5 27. Ne3 Bb7 28. Nxf5 Nxf5 29. Re2 Nxd6 30. exd6 Bxg2 31. Kxg2 Kd7 32. c5 Rc8 33. Nb3 Rb8 34. Rc2 (Diagram Right) {I sweated over this move for a long time. It looked like taking the N would let the pawns Queen. I finally saw that Black is safe if he retreats to c8. Anything else loses.} Rxb3 35. c6+ Kc8 36. d4 (36. d7+ Kc7 37. d8=Q+ Kxd8 38. c7+ Kc8) 36... Bxd4 37. Rd2 e5 0-1



Position after 34. Rc2. Black to move.
Can he stop the pawns if Rxb3?

Queen's Gambit Declined

2008 Missouri Class Championship

W: Ashwath S. Kumar (985)
B: Austin Madenwald (906)

Round 3 saw the eventual winners of U/1000 and E class face off.

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 g6 5. Bf4 Bg7 6. e3 Bg4 7. Be2 O-O 8. c5 Nbd7 9. h3 Bxf3 10. Bxf3 b6 11. b4 a5 12. a3 axb4 13. axb4 Rxa1 14. Qxa1 bxc5 15. bxc5 Re8 16. O-O e5 17. Bh2 exd4 18. exd4 Ne4 19. Nxe4 dxe4 20. Be2 Nf8 21. Qa4 Qd7 22. Rd1 Ne6 23. Bd6 Rd8 24. d5 cxd5 25. Qxd7 Rxd7 26. Rxd5 Nxc5 27. Rxc5 Rxd6 28. Rc8+ Bf8 29. Re8 Rd4 30. f3 exf3 31. Bxf3 Kg7 32. Re4 Rxe4 33. Bxe4 f5 34. Bd5 Bd6 35. Kf2 Kh6 36. Kf3 Kh5 37. Bc4 g5 38. g4+ Kh4 39. Bf1 fxg4+ 40. hxc4 h6 1/2-1/2

Sicilian Defense

2008 Missouri Class Championship

W: William Nesham (1269)
B: Cody B. Ruggles (1422)

Class C champ Cody Ruggles shows how the two bishops can beat a rook in this first round game. 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bc4 Nc6 4. c3 Bg7 5. d4 cxd4 6. cxd4 Qb6 7. e5 e6 8. Nc3 Nge7 9. O-O Nf5 10. Na4 Qb4 11. b3 Rb8 12. Bd2 Qe7 13. Nc5 Nfxd4 14. Nxd4 Nxd4 15. Bb4 Nc6 16. Na6 Nxb4 17. Nxb8 Qc5 18. a3 Nd5 19. Bxd5 Qxd5 20. Qxd5 exd5 21. Rad1 Kd8 22. Rxd5 Kc7 23. Nxd7 Bxd7 24. b4 a6 25. f4 Re8 26. h3 f6 27. Re1 fxe5 28. fxe5 Bc6 29. Ra5 b6 30. Rxa6 Bxe5 31. Kh1 Kb7 32. Rc1 Bb5 33. a4 Kxa6 34. axb5+ Kxb5 35. Rb1 Bc3 36. Rb3 Bxb4 37. Rf3 Ka4 38. Rf7 Re7 39. Rf3 b5 0-1

*Photos of the 2008 Missouri State Class Champions can be seen on the cover of this bulletin.
Back row (Left to Right): Ron Luther (M/X), Daniel Huff (A), Austin Madenwald (E). 2nd row: Tim Campbell (D), Cody Ruggles (C), Tim Nesham (B). Front row: Ashwath Kumar (U/1000).*

Missouri Scholastics Take a Ride South to Georgia

~ Douglas Howe ~
Columbia, Missouri

On April 18, 2008, 1222 kids ages 5-18, sat down to do one thing, play chess! The National High School Chess Championship was held in Atlanta, Georgia this year, but even the distance (a good 8-12 hour drive depending on your location in Missouri) didn't stop 59 Missouri scholastic players from attending.

There were 5 sections in all, and Missouri players could be found in all of them. Four, including myself, played in the Championship division. Four played in the Under-1600, twenty in the U-1200, twenty-nine in U-800, and even two newcomers from Missouri came to play in the Unrated section.

Although there were no trophy winners in the Open or U-1600 divisions, high placing trophies filled the hands of players in the U-1200. Tim Kilper, of Vianney High School, tied for 2nd place with 6.5/7 getting an upset win in the last round. Andrew Robinson, also from Vianney, placed high in the U-1200 tying for 13th place with 5.5/7. Four other Missourians, Jonathan Stacks, Sathya Anand, Kyle Tuberty, and Jon Mura placed well in the U-1200 with 5/7 tying for 22nd. Particularly impressive was Jon Mura who came into the tournament rated only 586. Jon's performance playing up to a higher division earned him almost 300 rating points!

Missouri players in the U-800 saw similar success as 6 players, Alicia Brown, Walker Frantz-Greene, Jon Schafer, Alex Hart, Chris Jent, Flannery Allison, and Aaron Curran scored 5/7 tying for 15th. Missouri's Nelson Corliss entered the tournament in the U-800 division with a rating of only 472, but after earning an impressive 4.5/7 he gained well over 400 points!

In the Unrated division, Missouri player Shaun Brown also placed well, tying for 20th place with 4.5/7. Missouri's other unrated, Thomas Armenta, also produced a solid tournament ending with an even 3.5/7.

Although the main event started on Friday, some Missouri players arrived even earlier to play in the side events of the day before. Thursday held a bughouse and a blitz championship, and 5 Missouri players joined in on the fun for blitz. Thomas Rehmeier was the highest scoring of the Missouri players, earning 7.5/12. Another of the side events (although this one was held during the Saturday rounds) was the Parents & Coaches tournament. Three of the players in this event were from Missouri, C.J. Armenta, Howard Granok, and Bob Howe. All three finished with positive or even scores.



Missouri players enjoyed analyzing games and playing bughouse between rounds

Missouri Players also scored well in team standings, as two schools in U-1200, and two schools in U-800 took home trophies. Vianney high school took 2nd place in the U-1200 with 21 points, also taking 5th place in U-800 with 19 points. The other trophy winner in U-1200, Rockhurst High School took 8th place with two of its scorers playing up a division to qualify with the team! In the U-800, Crossroads School took 3rd place with 20 points, exceeding the expectations that might have been expected given their ratings.

Next year's event will be Supnationals IV, held in Nashville, Tennessee. This tournament has players in all grades together on a single weekend. With a shorter drive and a great location, The Gaylord Opryland Resort, I'm sure it will draw even more Missouri players next year. Congratulations to all who attended this National event, best of wishes to you in the future.



Here are a few of my memorable games from the event:

This game appears to be a short draw, but not until after a wild clearing of the board by both player's knights. It was a long combination that both players burned a lot of clock to be sure about before playing. Moves 10-15 are rather amusing.

English Opening

2008 Nationals, K-12 Championship

W: Joshua Osburn (1704)

B: Doug Howe (1518)

1. c4 During analysis, my opponent told me that this was not his usual opening, and that he had played it only because he was in the mood for a slower game to wrap up the tournament. Things wouldn't turn out as quiet as he had hoped. Nf6 2. Nc3 c5 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. a3 Nc6 6. Nf3 d6 7. d4 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Bd7 9. O-O Qc8 10. e4 At this point I had to decide whether to allow him to have a strong center, and control over d5, or whether to take on e4, and have the possibility of a wild "knight hopping frenzy". I always have liked knights... Nxe4 11. Nxc6 Nxc3 12. Nxe7 Nxd1 13. Nxc8 Nxb2 14. Nxd6+ Ke7 15. Nxb7 Nxc4 16. Ra2 (16. Bg5+ Bf6 17. Rael+ Be6 and white looks better) 16... Rac8 17. Re1+ Be6 18. Bf4 Rhe8 19. a4 Kf8 20. Rc2 Nb6 21. Bc6 Bd7 22. Rec1 Bxc6 (Diagram right) 1/2-1/2

At this point a draw was agreed, as both my opponent and I were tired (this being the final round of the tournament) and seeing that the majority of the pieces including the remaining queenside pawns would trade, leaving a very drawn looking position} 23. Bd6+ Kg8 24. Rxc6 Rxc6 25. Rxc6 Nxa4 26. Ra6 Nb6 27. Rxa7 =



Over 1200 players in one room!



Position after 22...Bxc6

This game features a questionable sacrifice in the ending. My opponent was in serious time trouble when I made it, and was in dire time trouble by the time he decided to accept it. I was lucky, but it's always fun to get a big upset with a sacrifice.

English Opening

2008 Nationals, K-12 Championship

W: Doug Howe (1518)

B: Samuel Xin (1998)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 dxc4 5. e3 b5 6. a4 b4 7. Na2 e6 8. Bxc4 Be7 9. Bd2 a5 10. Ne1 Qb6 11. Qc2 Bb7 12. Nd3 Nbd7 13. Nfe5 O-O 14. O-O c5 15. Nxd7

Nxd7 16. Bb5 Bc6 17. Bxc6 Qxc6 18. dxc5 Bxc5 19. Rac1 Rac8 20. Rfd1 Qb6 21. b3 Qa6 22. Qc4 Qb7 23. Nxc5 Nxc5 24. Qc2 e5 25. Qb1 e4 26. Rc4 Nd3 27. Rd4 f5 28. Rf1 Qf7 29. f3 Qh5 30. Rd5 Rc5 31. fxe4 Rxd5 32. exd5 Qe2 33. Qd1 Qxd1 34. Rxd1 Rd8 35. d6 Rxd6 36. Bxb4!? (Diagram Right) White was under two minutes at this point, and spent all but 18 seconds deciding what to do about it. axb4 37. a5 Rd7 38. Kf1 Nc5 39. Rxd7 Nxd7 40. Ke2 Ne5 41. a6 Nc6 42. Kd3 Kf7 43. Kc4 Ke6 44. Kc5 Kd7 45. Kb6 Kd6 46. a7 Nxa7 47. Kxa7 Kc5 48. Ka6 Kc6 49. Ka5 Kc5 50. Ka4 Kd5 51. Kxb4 Ke4 52. Kc5 Kxe3 53. b4 f4 54. b5 Kf2 55. b6 Kxg2 56. b7 f3 57. b8=Q f2 58. Qg3+ Kf1 59. Kd4 Ke1 60. Ke3 Black runs out of time. 1-0



Position after 36.Bxb4!?

To view the complete results of the 2008 National Scholastic Championship including cross tables and rating changes, please visit <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?200804200251.0>

Denker & Polgar Playoffs

The coveted prize of Missouri's representative to the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions, and the Susan Polgar All Girls Championship was up for grabs in Columbia on April 12, 2008. With the change in format at the state scholastic tournament, Director Ed Baur was forced to move the competition to its own weekend this year. That didn't stop twenty players from making the trip to Mid-Missouri for a chance to represent Missouri at these prestigious events.

The Denker tournament is open only High School players, and each official state affiliate is allowed to send a single representative. The qualifying tournament was limited to students grade 9-12 with a USCF rating of over 1000. (lower rated or unrated players who placed at the top in the state scholastic championship were also invited) Eight strong players choose to try their luck and competed over four rounds. After three rounds, it was Frank Smith, from the KC area that held sole first, as the only perfect score. Two other players, Henry Cao and Brad Schlosser remained in contention if Frank should stumble in the last round. Brad's chances slipped away as he was defeated by top seed Nick Karlow, but Henry, paired against the tournament leader was able to come through with a hard fought victory. That left Frank and Henry tied for first; however, Frank came out of top with the better tiebreaks and a victory in the head-to-head blitz playoff, securing the Denker Tournament of Champions Invitation.

Twelve ladies squared off in the Polgar division of the event. The Susan Polgar tournament allows girls K-12 to play, so the age range was wider in this field, with elementary to High School players competing. After two rounds, the top seeds had all escaped upsets and faced off against each other. With three perfect scores, Swiss pairings put the two top seeds, Margaret Hua (1524) and Jonht Bechthold (1322) against each other, while third seed Joanna Gossell played down a score group against fourth seed Jennifer Flynn. The round was hard fought on both boards, where Jonht was able to claim the upset victory in a tactical battle. Meanwhile, the heavily favored Joanna had her hands full on board two. She managed to win a pawn, but was in serious time trouble with the queens still on the board, leaving possibilities everywhere. Jennifer at one point even declined a repetition against her higher rated adversary, hoping that time pressure would give her a chance to play for a win. It was a doomed plan however, as soon after the queen's traded, and Joanna showed excellent form in blitzing out the King and Pawn endgame to a win. This left Jonht Bechthold and Joanna Gossell, both coming off a long and hard fought game, to quickly turn around and play each other for the top prize. It was Joanna's game to win, as she was able to get up some material early, but Jonht refused to go down easy, and fought on until deep in the endgame, looking for a mistake or tactical shot to get back in it. It wasn't to be that day, and Joanna Gossell secured first place with a perfect 4/4 score.

Scholastic Scene



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 or visit www.anatolykarpovchessschool.org.

MCA Scholastic Tournament

Saturday, September 20, 2008—Columbia, Missouri

5SS G/30 (USCF Rated). Best Western, 3100 I-70 SE, Columbia, MO 65201. EF: \$10 by 9/13 \$15 on site.

Reg: 9-10 AM, Rnds: 10:30/11:45/1:15/2:30/3:45. Trophies to top 3 in each section: HS, K-8, K-6, K-3.

Award ceremony: 5:15 PM. See listing on Page 13 for additional information.



MISSOURI CHESS FESTIVAL

September 19-21, 2008

Best Western Columbia Inn & Conference Center
3100 I-70 Dr. SE, Columbia, Missouri 65201

2008 Missouri Open

- ♔ 5-round Standard Swiss, Game/120
 - ◇ *Open*—\$250-1st Overall, Class prizes: \$120-1st in each M/X, A, B.
 - ◇ *Reserve (Under 1600)*—\$200-1st Overall, Class Prizes: \$100-1st in each C, D, E, U1000/Unr.
 - ◇ Overall winner of each section receives plaque. Top Missouri resident in the Open receives an invitation to the 2009 Invitational Championship.
- ♔ Entry fee: \$42 if marked by 9/13, \$50 on site. Site entries cash only.
- ♔ Reg: 10-10:45am. Rounds: Sat-11am, 3:30pm, 8pm, Sun-10:30am, 3pm.
- ♔ MCA General Membership Meeting—9:30-10:15am Sunday.
- ♔ Missouri Invitational Championship— held in conjunction with MO Open.

Missouri Quick Championship

- ♔ 4-round, Game/29 (Quick Rated Only). Entry Fee: \$10 by 9/13, \$15 on site.
- ♔ Reg: 6:30-7pm Friday; Rounds: 7/8/9/10pm.
- ♔ Prizes: b/20, \$75-1st, \$50-1st U1600; State Championship plaque to winner.

Missouri Bughouse Championship

- ♔ 5-Double rounds, Game/5. Entry Fee: \$10/team on site only.
- ♔ Reg: 8-8:15am Saturday; Ending by 10am.
- ♔ Prizes: b/12 teams, \$50-1st team, \$30-2nd team; Championship plaques to winning team.

Missouri Blitz Championship

- ♔ 5-round, Game/5 (Quick Rated Only). Entry Fee: \$10.
- ♔ Reg: 8-8:15am Sunday; Ending before 9:30am.
- ♔ Prizes: \$75-1st; \$50-2nd; \$25-3rd; State Championship plaque to winner.

MCA Scholastic

- ♔ 5-round, Game/30 (Dual Rated). Entry Fee: \$10 by 9/13; \$15 on site.
- ♔ Registration: 9-10am Saturday. Rounds: 10:30/11:45/1:15/2:30/3:45. Awards: 5:15pm.
- ♔ Prizes: Trophies to 1st-3rd each section—HS; K-8; K-6; K-3

-
- ◇ Memberships: USCF—available on site; MCA required for MO residents, except Scholastic & Bughouse, available on site from \$5, O.S.A. In order to receive championship title/plaque you must be a Missouri resident.
 - ◇ Hotel Info: \$74.95/night, mention CHESS. Free Wi-Fi & hot breakfast. 573.474.6161
 - ◇ Entries/Info: Thomas Rehmeier, 5217 Denice Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109. 573.291.0852, JCChess89@yahoo.com



Highlights of Chess History

~ International Correspondence Master Bart Gibbons ~
Joplin, Missouri

I've had a chess club in my house in Joplin for over a year now, and I've come to realize that most of the members approach chess quite differently than I did when I began playing. I enjoyed playing over master games immensely. To me, chess history is fascinating, and I really appreciate the thought that goes into a well-played game.

Analyzing the games of great players increases one's understanding of chess, and that's the point I've tried to make to club members. Most of the local players I know (I grew up in Los Angeles) prefer to play casually rather than to "study". The advent of the Internet has made it so easy to play, making it even less likely for players to set aside time to analyze positions. Of course, casual play is fine, but some study is necessary for significant improvement.

With this in mind, I'm beginning a series of articles here to revive some of chess history. I hope to generate interest in reading chess books, so that chess players will expand their horizons. Playing over games is a win-win situation; you learn, improve, and are entertained all at the same time.

Though Chess is an ancient game, the modern rules did not become standardized until about 1485. Prior to this time, the Queen could only move like a bishop moving one square! There were other differences, and Castling had not yet been developed. It has been suggested that the new rules evolved in Italy and Spain. One of the top players in the 16th century was Ruy Lopez, a Spanish priest who visited Italy in 1559, defeating the leading Roman players. Lopez wrote a chess book in 1561, and introduced the term "gambit" (the Italian word *gambitare* means to set traps). It is interesting to note that players often played for high stakes, and so they kept their opening analysis to themselves. Chess patrons purchased copies of these manuscripts, and that's how we have some of the writings of that era.

The best Italian players in these times were Boi, Polerio, da Cutri, Salvio, and Greco. After Greco's death in 1634, the stronger players were natives of England, France, and Germany. In the 18th century, the coffee-houses of London and Paris were the leading centers of chess activity. The dominant player in the late 18th century was François André Philidor. Equally renowned for both music and chess, Philidor split his time between London and Paris. Perhaps the first truly great player (of the modern rules), Philidor wrote a classic chess book when he was only 23. His analysis of how to draw a rook vs. rook and pawn endgame is still considered the textbook method, and the Philidor Defense to 1 e4 is still played today. Philidor also played blindfold chess, creating a sensation at the time (see game below).



François André Philidor
(1726-1795)

Bishops Opening

Blindfold Simul, 1783

W: John M. Bruehl

B: François André Philidor

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 c6 3.Qe2 d6 4.c3 f5 5.d3 Nf6 6.exf5 Bxf5 7.d4 e4 8.Bg5 d5
9.Bb3 Bd6 10.Nd2 Nbd7 11.h3 h6 12.Be3 Qe7 13.f4 h5 14.c4 a6 15.cxd5
cxd5 16.Qf2 O-O 17.Ne2 b5 18.O-O Nb6 19.Ng3 g6 20.Rac1 Nc4
21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Qg3+ Qg7 23.Qxg7+ Kxg7 24.Bxc4 bxc4 25.g3 Rab8

26.b3 Ba3 27.Rc2 cxb3 28.axb3 Rfc8 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Ra1 Bb4 31.Rxa6 Rc3 32.Kf2 Rd3 33.Ra2 Bxd2 34.Rxd2 Rxb3 35.Rc2 h4 36.Rc7+ Kg6 37.gxh4 Nh5 38.Rd7 Nxf4 39.Bxf4 Rf3+ 40.Kg2 Rxf4 41.Rxd5 Rf3 42.Rd8 Rd3 43.d5 f4 44.d6 Rd2+ 45.Kf1 Kf7 46.h5 e3 47.h6 f3 White resigns. 0-1

The most well known American chess player of the 18th century was none other than Benjamin Franklin. The following are excerpts from his essay "The Morals of Chess":

THE GAME OF CHESS is not merely an idle amusement; several very valuable qualities of the mind, useful in the course of human life, are to be acquired and strengthened by it

By playing at Chess then, we may learn:

1st, Foresight, which looks a little into futurity, and considers the consequences that may attend an action;

2d, Circumspection, which surveys the whole Chess-board, or scene of action:

3d, Caution, not to make our moves too hastily.

And lastly, We learn by Chess the habit of not being discouraged by present bad appearances in the state of our affairs; the habit of hoping for a favourable chance, and that of persevering in the search of resources.

My next article will begin coverage of the 19th century. There will be so much more to report that I'm expecting each article will only cover a 25-year span!

If you would like to view Benjamin Franklin's complete essay entitled "The Morals of Chess," please visit <http://www.uschesstrust.org/WP/?p=708>

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 greatly 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 that build 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
- Tournament reports
- Outside articles (with permission to reprint)
- Pictures (with captions please)
- Historical items
- Chess related quotes, sayings, cartoons, 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 a text file. Articles can also be sent via ground mail, please contact the editor to make arrangements. Please e-mail bdhowe@yahoo.com or call 636-234-7928 with any questions.

Submission Deadline for the Fall 2008 Missouri Chess Bulletin is September 15th

Saint Louis Open

~ Cesareo Rodriguez ~
Saint Louis, Missouri

The Saint Louis Open was held on April 26-27th 2008 in Sunset Hills at the Days Inn on South Lindbergh. Highest rating honors went to Jim McLaughlin at 2121. Being from the old school I remember all of the current strong experts had master level ratings, across the USCF as a whole. Due to the restructuring of the USCF rating system, everyone has lost at least 200 points on their legacy ratings. The tournament however was quite a success as we were able to boast seven experts and eleven Class A players.



Round 3 tournament action.

Listing the strongest players present were Bob Jacobs, Jim Voelker, Bob Holliman (who traveled all the way from Kansas City, MO), Waldo Odak, Kevin Dale Johnson, Joshua Frank, Todd Plagemann and Steve Bange. Nick Karlow is always trouble at the board for anyone! A total of 57 players turned out to battle for the title of the 2008 Saint Louis Open Champion.

Ed Baur and Thomas Rehmeier did a first class job running the tournament and ensuring that any perceived problems were resolved before they became issues. Prior to the start of the



Tournament Directors Edward Baur and Thomas Rehmeier hard at work.

tournament, Bill Wright provided information regarding the new Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis (CCSCSTL). The facility is located in the Central West End on the intersection of Euclid and Maryland Ave. across from StarBucks and is slated to open this summer. Everyone is anxious to see the new facility. To have a stable environment to enjoy our past time is truly a great benefit of being a member. From a TD's perspective, no more setting up or tearing down tables and chairs. Great! Bill Wright also informed me that Charles Lawton, the highest rated



2008 Saint Louis Open Winners: (Left to right) Waldo Odak, James McLaughlin, James Voelker

player in the Saint Louis area (2358) joined the CCSCSTL during the tournament.

The heat generated in the playing room was really something to experience. A giant fan was placed in the entrance to the playing room to remove the hot air. Why we even had loud music, I mean noise, coming from the room next door as a party was scheduled on the same evening as the third round of the tournament.

As usual, it was very fun to talk, play, spectate and interact with the players. I find it quite interesting to see the fireworks across the boards when various personalities are pitted against each other. Energy levels and attitude all play a very important role especially in the third round of the first day!

The title of the Saint Louis Open was split 3-ways with the Open/Expert prizes combined with James McLaughlin, Jim Voelker and Waldo Odak taking home \$150 each and top honors. Waldo received the invitation to the 2008 Missouri State Championship on tiebreaks.

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5
1	Odak, Waldo	2036	4.5	W37	W14	W7	W15	D2	30	Kazi, Tariq A	1017	2.0	L18	W37	L16	W44	L48
2	Voelker, James R	2110	4.5	W21	W36	W6	W11	D1	31	Hartmann, Craig T	UNR	2.0	L16	W50	L9	W46	L21
3	McLaughlin, James	2121	4.5	W22	D17	W25	W27	W12	32	Herbst, Luke Joseph	1315	2.0	L26	W52	L20	W35	L18
4	Johnson, Kevin Dale	2000	4.0	W33	W18	L15	W19	W11	33	Olsen, Erik	1394	2.0	L4	W45	-H-	D17	L14
5	Frank, Joshua	1992	4.0	D41	W29	D13	W14	W16	34	Finkbeiner, Kirk	1223	2.0	L17	L24	W57	W51	L19
6	Plagemann, Todd A	1953	3.5	W46	W19	L2	W18	D9	35	Anand, Sathya S	1084	2.0	L14	W53	L40	L32	W50
7	Nugent, Michael A	1922	3.5	W28	W8	L1	W40	-H-	36	Marler, Alex J	1837	2.0	W42	L2	W51	L16	-U-
8	Herbst, Bradley J	1554	3.5	W44	L7	W29	D55	W25	37	Wright, William H	1400	2.0	L1	L30	L47	W52	W49
9	Ding, Jialin	1458	3.5	-H-	D41	W31	W20	D6	38	Khotsyphom, C	1319	2.0	L11	W56	-H-	D48	L24
10	Karlow, Nick W	1942	3.5	W51	L25	W41	D13	W26	39	Nugent, Jimmy M	1408	2.0	L12	L43	W56	W49	L20
11	Trimble, Selden	1928	3.0	W38	W40	W12	L2	L4	40	Kurczynski, Raymond	1607	2.0	W57	L11	W35	L7	-U-
12	Holliman, Bob	2105	3.0	W39	W20	L11	W24	L3	41	Sondov-Gold, Noah	1375	1.5	D5	D9	L10	L28	D43
13	Howe, Gary Bob	1610	3.0	W52	D26	D5	D10	D23	42	Amann, Jacob S	1207	1.5	L36	W21	L24	L22	D45
14	Rodriguez, Cesareo	1794	3.0	W35	L1	W46	L5	W33	43	Wiedner, John F	1196	1.5	L20	W39	L19	L21	D41
15	Juengel, Daniel A	1895	3.0	W50	W16	W4	L1	-U-	44	Wasem, Phillip	UNR	1.5	L8	D28	L22	L30	W56
16	Bartotto, Derrick	1571	3.0	W31	L15	W30	W36	L5	45	Zhang, Stephen J	953	1.5	L54	L33	L21	W57	D42
17	Bange, Steven D	1861	3.0	W34	D3	L27	D33	W28	46	Ward, Charles E W	1307	1.5	L6	W57	L14	L31	-H-
18	Humphries, Dennis	1742	3.0	W30	L4	W49	L6	W32	47	King, Teddy	900	1.5	L25	L51	W37	-H-	-U-
19	Nunn, Rickey	1657	3.0	W56	L6	W43	L4	W34	48	Tobiason, Timothy	1611	1.5	-U-	-U-	-U-	D38	W30
20	Gaul, Thomas J	1801	3.0	W43	L12	W32	L9	W39	49	Reitz, David B	1202	1.0	L23	W22	L18	L39	L37
21	Tuttle, Daniel J	1424	3.0	L2	L42	W45	W43	W31	50	Balducci, Richard	1247	1.0	L15	L31	W52	L29	L35
22	Hoffman, Joe W	1516	3.0	L3	L49	W44	W42	W29	51	Hammersmith, Russell	1341	1.0	L10	W47	L36	L34	-U-
23	Howlett, Albert D	1806	3.0	W49	D27	D26	-H-	D13	52	Doran, James William	704	1.0	L13	L32	L50	L37	W57
24	Cao, Henry	1780	3.0	L29	W34	W42	L12	W38	53	Lyon, James J	1415	1.0	L27	L35	L28	W56	-U-
25	Tong, William M	1700	2.5	W47	W10	L3	D26	L8	54	Nesham, Timothy C	1725	1.0	W45	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-
26	Cao, Kevin Y	1925	2.5	W32	D13	D23	D25	L10	55	Rehmeier, Thomas R	1743	0.5	-U-	-U-	-U-	D8	-U-
27	Jacobs, Robert M	2108	2.5	W53	D23	W17	L3	-U-	56	Laux, Ken J	842	0.0	L19	L38	L39	L53	L44
28	West, Ken P	1304	2.5	L7	D44	W53	W41	L17	57	Bartotto, Silas R	429	0.0	L40	L46	L34	L45	L52
29	Nesham, William	1080	2.0	W24	L5	L8	W50	L22	Available online at www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?200804272411								

Here are some of the epic battles that took place:

French Winawer Variation

2008 Saint Louis Open

W: Jialin Ding (1476)

B: Thomas J. Gaul (1801)

[Annotations by C. Rodriguez] 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. exd4 exd4 5. Bd3 Nf6 6. Ne2 0-0 7. 0-0 Bg4 8. f3 Bh5 9. Nf4 Bg6 10. Nxe6 fxe6 11. Bg5 c6 12. Ne2 Na6 13. c3 Bd6 14. f4 Nc7 15. f5 Giving away a pawn and exposing the Kings on both sides to danger. 15... Bxh2+ 16. Kh1 Bd6 17. fxe6 h6 18. Bh4 Ne6 19. Bf5 Nc7 Wasting more time. Getting out of the f6 pin is probably better with Qe8. 20.

Qd3 Qe8 21. Rae1 Ne4 22. Ng3 Bxg3 23. Bxg3 Rxf5 24. Rxf5 Qxg6 25. Rf3 Ne6 26. Rf1 N6g5 27. Re3 Qe6 This move only allows his Queen to get pinned by the freshly moved Rook on e3. 28. Bf4 Re8 29. Bxg5 hxe5 30. Kg1 g4 31. g3 g5 32. R1e1 Re7 33. Qc2 Kg7 34. Qh2 Kg6 35. a4 Rh7 36. Qg2 Re7 37. b4 Rf7 38. a5 Qe8 39. Rf1 Re7 40. R1e1 Rf7 41. c4 Qf8. This Queen move permits more material to be exchanged. 42. b5 Rf2 43. Qh1 a6 44. bxa6 bxa6 45. cxd5 cxd5 46. Rb1 Rd2 47. Rb6+ Nf6 48. Qxd5 Qc8 49. Rc6 Qf5 50. Qxf5+ Kxf5 51. Re5+ Black must lose the Knight after R5e6. Black resigns 1-0.

Alapin Sicilian

2008 Saint Louis Open

W: James Voelker (2110)

B: Selden Trimble (1928)

[Annotations by J. Voelker] 1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.cxd4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.Nc3 Qd8?! Somewhat passive. Black usually plays 8...Qa5 or Kasparov's 8...Bb4 9.0-0 Qa5 9.Be3 Nf6 10.h3 Bh5 11.0-0 Be7 12.Qb3 If

Black's Q were at a5 he could just play 12...Qb4 now 12...Rb8?! Misplaces the Rook. 12...Qd7 is probably better, although then Black is basically down a tempo since he could have played 8...Qd7. 13.d5! (Diagram Right) Breaking it open before Black can blockade the d5 square 13...exd5 14.Rad1 0-0 15.Nxd5 Qc8? 16.Nxe7+ Even better was 16.Bxa7 Ra8 17.Nb6 winning the Exchange 16...Nxe7 17.Bxa7 Ra8 18.Rc1 Nc6 19.Be3 Re8 20.a3 Ra5 21.Rfd1 Rf5 22.Qc4 Re4 23.Rd4 Rxd4 24.Nxd4 Bxe2 25.Qxe2 Re5 26.Qc4 h6 27.Nxc6 bxc6 28.Qxc6 Qf5 29.Qc8+ Kh7 30.Qxf5+ Rxf5 31.Rc5 Kg6 32.Rxf5 Kxf5 33.Kf1 Ke4 34.Ke2 Kd5 35.Kd3 Nd7 36.b4 f5 37.f4 Nf6 38.a4 Ne4 39.b5 g5 40.fxe5 hxe5 41.a5 f4 42.a6 Black resigns. 1-0



Voelker-Trimble
Position after 13.d5!

Sicilian Defense

2008 Saint Louis Open

W: Jacob Amann (1228)

B: Joe Hoffman (1516)

[Annotations by C. Rodriguez] 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. Nc3 a6 4. Bb4? Placing the bishop on a bad square with nothing to help it fend off the enemy queen side pawns only invites trouble. b5 5. Be2 Bb7 6. d3 Nc6 7. Be3 Qc7 8. Qd2 Nf6 9. Bf4 d6 10. 0-0 Be7 11. Re1 0-0 12. Bg5 h6 13. Bxh6 A true sacrifice that may have some promise if Black does not defend adequately... gxf6 14. Qxh6 Nh7 15. h4 Ne5 16. Ng5 Nxf5 17. hxf5 Bd8 18. Bh5 f6 19. f4 Nc6 20. Re3 Qg7 21. Rg3 Qxh6 22. gxh6 Kh8 23. Kf2 b4 24. h7 Bc8 25. Rh1 Ra7 *White Resigns 0-1*

Unusual Replies to 1.d4

2008 Saint Louis Open

W: Thomas Rehmeier (1775)

B: Brad Herbst (1574)

This next game was quite entertaining and provides a lesson learned with opposite colored Bishops. [Annotations by C. Rodriguez] 1. d4 g6 2.

Nf3 Bg7 3. c3 d5 4. e3 Nd7 5. Bd3 e5 6. dxe5 Nxe5 7. Nxe5 Bxe5 8.

Nd2 Bd7 9. e4 Qe7 10. Qe2 dxe4 11. Bxe4 0-0-0 12. Nc4 Bb5 And the fireworks are starting if, 13. Nb6+, axb6; 14. Qxb5, Bxc3+; 15. bxc3 and

f5 pins the bishop in Black's favor. 13. 0-0 Qc5 14. Qg4+ f5 15. Bxf5+ gxf5 16. Qxf5+ Kb8 17. Nxe5 Rd5 (If 17... Bxf1? 18. Nd7+ wins the black queen. 18. Re1 Ne7 19. Qf6 Re8 20. Be3 Ng8 21. Bxc5 Nxf6 22. Bd4 c5 23. Nd7+ 23. c4 looks interesting but just loses a pawn to Bxc4; 24. Nxc4, Rxd4. White's Nd7+ offers the best chance of throwing his opponent off balance. Bxd7 24. Bxf6 Rf8 25. Be5+ Kc8 26.

Rad1 Bc6 27. c4 Rxd1 28. Rxd1 Rd8 29. Rxd8+ Kxd8 30. Bb8 a6 After the dust has cleared, it seems like an easy win but the ghost of Bishops of opposite color continue to haunt us. 31. Ba7 Be4 32. Bxc5 Bb1 33. a4? The little trick here is to use the intermezzo check with 33. Bb6+ followed by a3 and c5 and an eventual b4. This plan would afford an extra pawn on the Queen's side and two extra pawns on the King side. The 33. a4 doesn't allow White to remove all his pawns off the White square complex. Ba2 34. a5 Bxc4 35.

f4 Kd7 36. Kf2 Ke6 37. Kf3 Bd5+ 38. Kg3 Kf5 39. Bd6 h5 40. Kh3 Bc6 41. Kg3 It's all about the end-game... the plan here should follow 41. g3, then Kh4... h3 and a slow and eventual g4. Patience is the key. Bd5 42. Kf2 Bc6 43. h3 Bd5 44. Kg3 Bc6 45. h4 Bd5 46. Kh3 Bc6 47. g4+ hxf4+ 48. Kg3 Be8 49.

Draw Agreed 1/2-1/2

Sicilian Defense

2008 Saint Louis Open

W: Cesareo Rodriguez (1811)

B: Erik Olsen (1394)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 a6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be7 8. Be3 Be6 9. Nd5 Bxe5 10. exd5 Nbd7 11. 0-0 0-0 12. f4 Rc8 13. c4 Ne4 14. Bd3 Ndc5 15. Nxc5 Nxc5 16. Bf5 Nd7 17. Qd3 g6 18. Bxd7 Qxd7 19. f5 Bf6 20. Bh6 e4 21. Qh3 Rfe8 22. b3 Bxa1 23. fxf6 Bd4+ 24. Kh1 Qxh3 25. gxf7+ Kh8 26. fxe8/Q+ Rxe8 27. gxh3 e3 28. Rc1 e2 29. Bd2 Rg8 30. Re1 30... Bf2?? 31. Bc3+ Rg7 32. Bxg7+ Kxg7 33. Rxe2 *Black resigns 1-0*

109th Annual United States Open

August 2-19, 2008—Dallas, Texas

9SS, 40/2, SD/1 (5 day option, Rds. 1-5, G/60). The Westin Park Central Dallas, 12720 Merit Dr., Dallas, TX 75251. Phone: 972-385-3000. HR: \$99 single/quad. \$40,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund! A one section tournament with Class prizes. Many side events, including US Blitz Championship 8/9. USCF Delegates meeting, workshops, USCF Awards Luncheon 8/9 noon.

Choice of three schedules: Traditional: 40/2, SD/1. One round daily at 7:00pm, except rd. 9, 8/10 at 3pm. 6-Day Option: 8/5 to 8/7 at 12 noon and 7:00pm, 8/8 & 8/9 at 7:00pm, 8/10 at 3pm. 5-Day Option: 8/6 6:30pm & 9pm; 8/7 at 10-1-3:30-7:00, 8/8 & 8/9 at 7:00pm, 8/10 at 3pm. All schedules merge after Round 5. Top Places: \$6000-3000-2000-1000-600-400-300-200. Class Prizes: Top Master (2200-2399): \$2000-1000-600-400. Top Expert: \$2000-1000-600-400. Class A: \$2000-1000-600-400. Class B: \$2000-1000-600-400. Class C: \$2000-1000-600-400. Class D: \$1500-700-500-300. Class E or below: \$1000-600-400-200. Unrated: \$600-400-200-100. Half Point Byes: must commit before round 4; up to 3 byes allowed for 2000/up, 2 byes for 1400-1999, one bye for Under 1400/Unr. Zero point byes are always available in any round. Entry Fee:

Online, \$135 by 5/16, \$155 by 7/30. By mail, \$137 postmarked by 5/16, \$157 postmarked by 7/24. By phone, \$140 by 5/16, \$160 by 7/30. At site, all \$180. GMs are free. August Rating Supplement will be used. CCA ratings used. ENTRIES: Mail to USCF, ATTN: 2008 U. S. Open, P. O. Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Enter ONLINE: secure.uschess.org/webstore/tournament.php. Enter by phone: 1-800-903-8723. Tournament website: main.uschess.org/tournaments/2008/usopen/. FIDE rated, no cell phones. Bring a clock - none supplied. Sets/boards supplied for tournament but not for skittles.

Spotlight on Missouri Chess

~ Steve Goldberg ~
Scholasticchess@hotmail.com



Frank H. Smith



He was the third seed in the Missouri Denker Qualifier held this past April in Columbia, but Frank Smith finished tied for first with fourth seed Henry Cao. In order to determine which player would represent Missouri at the annual Denker tournament of state high school champions, a five-minute blitz playoff game was held between Smith and Cao, at which Smith was victorious.

Frank is a student at Lee's Summit North High School, having just completed his junior year. "I became interested in chess during indoor recess back in the second grade. I saw some other kids playing and it caught my eye," he reports. "The first coach I had was Ken Fee. He was great for teaching the basic openings and endings. I went a while studying on my own after that. Recently though, I took several lessons with chess master Ron Luther."

Frank notes that in his study sessions with Luther, they delved quite a bit deeper into openings, as well as carefully reviewing Smith's own games. His work the past couple of years has appeared to pay off – currently rated 1843 (USCF), he was in the mid-1500s as recently as December of 2006.

He enjoyed an excellent tournament at the most recent U.S. Amateur Team North, in Wisconsin, scoring 3/5. His only two losses were to opponents rated just under 2000. He also enjoyed his previous national tournament experience, competing in the 2007 National High School Championship in Kansas City, along with over 1400 other youngsters.



Asked to recall a memorable chess moment, Frank responded, "My first highlight was when I was really young. I was having a breakthrough tournament and played Zeb Fortman II (around an expert at the time). I won the game with a lot of people watching. I think I was only about eight at the time." Oddly enough, one of those two losses Smith experienced at the U.S. Amateur North was against the same Zeb Fortman II.

As for his current style, Frank says, "If you ask anybody how I hang in with experts and masters they won't say tactics, endgame, opening knowledge or any of that. It is fighting chess. I hate losing and I never give up on positions. Ron Luther told me that I have a chance of becoming a master because I have the ability to fight, and if I can get into good positions I will be dangerous."

In this nice game by Frank, he wins a hard fought positional battle against his higher rated opponent.

Anti King's Indian System
 2008 MO Class Championship
 W: Bob Holliman (2112)
 B: Frank Smith (1817)

1. d4 g6 2. c3 Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. g3 Nf6 5. Bg2 O-O 6. O-O Nbd7 7. h3 Rb8 8. Re1 Re8 9. Nbd2 h6 10. a4 e5 11. dxe5 Nxe5 12. Nxe5 dxe5 13. Nc4 Qe7 14. Qc2 c6 15. b3 Nd5 16. Ba3 Qe6 17. e4 Nb6 18. Ne3 Bf8 19. Bxf8 Kxf8 20. Rad1 Qe7 21. Qd2 Be6 22. c4 Rbd8 23. Qa5 Nd7 24. Rd2 Qc5 25. Qc3 f6 26. Red1 a5 27. Rd3 Ke7 28. Kh2 Qb6 29. f4 exf4 30. gxf4 Qc7 31. Kh1 Qxf4 32. Qxa5 Qh4 33. Qc7 Kf8 34. Nf1 Rc8 35. Qd6+ Kf7 36. Qb4 Ne5 37. Rg3 Re7 38. Rd6 Rce8 39. Qc3 g5 40. Kg1 Ng6 41. Rg4 Nf4 42. Qb2 Bxg4 43. Qxf6+ Kg8 44. Ne3 Rf7 0-1

Bragging Rights

~ Joseph A. Garnier ~
Saint Louis, Missouri



Everyone has a certain thing they like to brag about. Some of us may be more humble than others, but everyone is guilty at times. The following game I'm about to show is just that! During the summer of 2005, Grandmaster Maurice Ashley gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Kirkwood Community Center. More than twenty players paid money to try their luck against him, and only one man cashed in. That man was me. Although this article is entitled "Bragging Rights" I believe the game has a large amount of educational value.

Albin Counter Gambit

Simultaneous Exhibition, 2005

W: GM Maurice Ashley (2522)

B: Joseph A. Garnier (1765)

1. d4 ("Darn" I thought to myself. I was hoping for 1. e4 so I could try to play a complicated Sicilian Dragon.) **1...d5 2. c4 e5**. Although probably unsound at the highest level, the highly tactical Albin

Counter Gambit is the perfect choice if you're opponent is playing twenty other people. **3. e3**. It seems Mr. Ashley agrees. **3...exd4 4.exd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Be7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7. Bxc4**. After a few logical moves, we've come to a strategically important position. In exchange for the slight weakness in the form of an isolated d-pawn, white will have active piece play. Black on the other hand, has no weaknesses, but his position is quite passive. The next few moves will showcase both players trying to sway the position in their favor. **7...0-0 8. Nge2 Bf5 9. 0-0 Nbd7 (Diagram Right)** So far both players are simply developing. Black is trying to arrange his pieces so they can blockade the d4 pawn while white is preparing a king side attack.) **10. Ng3 Bg6 11. f4 Nb6**. During the game, I remember being surprised when I saw white's rather effective plan of Ng3, f4, and f5 because I had never seen it before.



Position after 9...Nbd7



Position after 20.Nh5

After examining the position, I decided to continue with my original plan before making a loft for my bishop. **12. Bb3 h6 13. f5 Bh7**. I think White is a little better here. **14. Kh1 c6 15. Bf4?! Nbd5! 16. Bd2**. I was very happy when I saw this move because I'd made a Grandmaster waste time! This slight psychological victory notwithstanding, white has more active pieces, but in exchange black is very solid and has a iron grip on d5. The position is roughly equal. **16...Qd7 17. Qf3 Rfe8 18. Rad1 Rad8** (Remember kids, developing all your pieces is very important.) **19. Bc1 Qc7**. Okay, maybe it should have gone to c7 in the first place. **20. Nh5 (Diagram Left)** Here we go! The opening is over and white begins the attack he's been preparing for. In any position, but even more importantly when you're under the attack, you should always ask yourself "What is my opponent threatening?" This simple little question will save everyone a lot of heartbreak. Since black isn't about to die, I followed the simple principle of "if you're being attacked, trade

off his attackers. **20...Nxe5 21. Qxe5 Bf6**. Upon showing some of my weaker students what they'd do here, many of them quickly played 21...Nf6??. Of course this move is horrid, but the compulsion to make the white queen "Go away" can be irresistible. Although black's move was a logical defensive one, it gives white a chance to rid himself of the isolated d pawn by 22. Nxd5 cxd5. I believe this was his best course of action since he would have maintained an active position without any pawn weaknesses. **22. Rd3?! White wants me**

dead and it's very obvious! He intends to swing his rook over to the kingside and begin dropping bombs. After ten minutes of thinking, I decided my best defense was a counter attack. To this day I'm rather proud of this plan because it seems the truly best defense was to set a little trap. **22... Nb4!** (After white's 22. Rd3 it was obvious he had no intention of sticking around to defend his d pawn. In the next few moves, white is in for a big surprise.) **23. Rg3 Rxd4!** Ashley, who'd been moving at the brisk pace of about 30 seconds a move, sat on his knees for a few minutes after I played this which in turn made my game the most interesting in the room. **24. Bxh6 Rh4!** In the words of Charles Lawton "Who's attacking who?" **25. Rxc7.** Black has to be very careful here! **25...Kh8.** Ashley took another minute before exhaling and playing the sad looking... **26. Qxh4 Bxh4 27. Rxf7 Qe5** **(Diagram Right)** More or less forced. In my opinion white's best choice was 28. Bg7+ which forces an ending where black is a piece up,



Position after 27....Qe5

but the three past pawns on the kingside will provide some compensation. **28. g4 Bg8 29. g5?** Again Bg7+ was white's best option. The move played makes life much easier for black. **29...Bxf7 30. Bxf7 Re7 31. g6 Bf6.** I must blockade or I die! **32. Kg2 Nd5 33.Rf3 Nxc3. White resigns. 0-1 (Diagram Left).** With white's pawns firmly blockaded, black exchanges another piece before starting his own attack on the king. White could have played on for a few moves, but his position is hopeless.



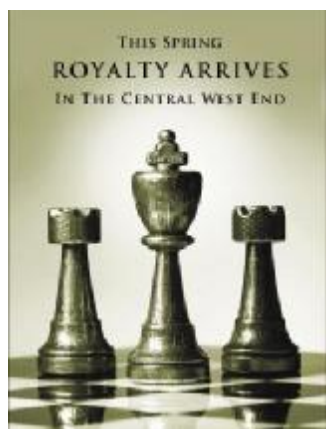
Position after 33...Nxc3. White Resigns.

In conclusion, I'd like to dedicate this game to local player Dan Tuttle to whom I never managed to give a copy of this game. I hope you're reading Mr. Tuttle.

Joseph Garnier is available for private lessons and tutoring. Call 314-409-5431 or send e-mail to josephgarnier@gmail.com for more information.

Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis

The Grand Opening of the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis will be **July 17, 2008**. The new club will provide over 6,000 square feet of one of the most lavish and beautiful chess facilities in the country. Upon taking a tour of the facility, several of the United States' top Grandmasters were



completely blown away by the sheer grandeur of the club. Don't miss out on this marvelous opportunity to be part chess history and a member of the greatest club Missouri has ever seen. For details on memberships, planned activities and any other information about the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, Visit online at www.saintlouischessclub.org or call 314-361-CHESS (2437). Please also feel free to contact Tony Rich, center manager, at trich@tonyrich.org with any questions.



IM Brooks Posts Perfect Simul

~ Thomas R. Rehmeier ~
Jefferson City, Missouri

International Master and 11-time Missouri State Champion Michael Brooks faced off against 20 eager players at the Heart of America Chess Club in Kansas City, Missouri on Friday, May 16th. The room was filled with anticipation, each player anxious for a shot at drawing blood from the highest rated player in the state. IM Brooks, however, had different plan. After 3 intense hours, Brooks departed the club having posted a perfect score. Not a mere 20-0 record mind you, but an impressive 46-0! After completing a game with each opponent, IM Brooks generously offered a rematch with opposite colors, sometimes playing up to 3 and 4 games with the younger kids. Incredibly he still emerged without a giving up single half-point. His opponents were primarily up-and-coming scholastic players,



but included a handful of strong A and B Class players that did their best to give him a run for his money. Although I can say from personal experience, none of us could claim any measurable success against the IM. The simultaneous exhibition lasted late into the evening, but the late hour didn't seem to phase the Master. Instead of tiring, Mr. Brooks seemed to gain strength as the night went on. He started out all business, but as the victories racked up, he seemed to relax more and more. By the midpoint and on into the night, Mr. Brooks would chat with his struggling opponents and compliment those who made him stop and think. The closest feeling any of us



had to that of a victory was if we could make him stop, lean against the table, adjust his glasses, put his hand to his chin and let out a

pondering "hmmm." The crowd would then quickly gather to see if he was indeed in trouble, but he would then grinningly refute the line and dart over to the next board. Overall the Simul was a very enjoyable experience and I hope that the Heart of America Chess Association can coordinate more of these wonderful events. Thanks to Bob Holliman and



Ron Luther for organizing this fantastic event. The Missouri chess community owes Mr. Brooks a large debt of gratitude for donating his time for the improvement of chess players throughout the state. Here is one of my futile attempts against the former state champion:



A47: Torre, Colle, London Systems
Simultaneous Exhibition May 2008
W: Thomas R. Rehmeier (1769)
B: IM Michael Brooks (2425)

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7
5.Nbd2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qe2 Bxf3
8.Nxf3 d5 9.Ne5 c6 10.f4 Qc7 11.Rf3
Ne4 12.Rh3 f5 13.Qh5 Nf6 14.Qh4 g6**

15.Qh6 Bd6 At this point I was quite happy with my position, foolishly thinking my attack was good enough to win. **16.Bd2 Qg7 17.Qxg7+ Kxg7 18.Be1 Be7 19.Bh4 Ng8 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Be2 Rd8 22.g4? Nd7 23.g5 Nxe5 24.fxe5 Rh8 25.Rc1 h6 26.gxh6+ Rxh6 27.Rxh6 Kxh6 28.c4 Kg7 29.Bd1 Rh8 30.Kg2 g5 31.Bb3 g4 32.cxd5 exd5 33.Rc3?** Doesn't really accomplish anything; "Rh3 anyone?" comments Ron Luther. **33...Kf7 34.a4 Ke6 35.Ba2 Rh3 36.b4??** Foolishly removing the guard on my own rook. **36...f4 37.b5 Rxe3 38.Rc2 cxb5 39.axb5 Rd3 40.Rb2 Rxd4.** At this point I finally threw in the towel. **0-1**

Regional Chess Clubs

SAINT LOUIS AREA CLUBS

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. ***Opening July 17*** For information, see <http://saintlouischessclub.org>, (314) 361-CHESS or contact Tony Rich, [<trich@tonyrich.org>](mailto:trich@tonyrich.org)

Saint Peters Chess Club: Location: Best Tutoring, 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

Heart of America Chess Association: Location: Noland Baptist Church 4505 S Noland Rd., Independence, MO 64055. Meets: Friday Nights 7-11pm. There are no fees or charges to play, this club is for the community. Contact: Bob Holliman at (816) 836-0568 or [<chess_entries@comcast.net>](mailto:chess_entries@comcast.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

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

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@powerpawn.net>](mailto:chessclub@powerpawn.net). Website: <http://www.powerpawn.net>

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/>

Joplin Chess Club - Contact Bart Gibbons— joplinchess@yahoo.com or (417) 396-0788

Mineral Area Chess Club: Location: Tourist Center on the Mineral Area College Campus in Park Hills. Monday Nights from 7-9pm. Contact: Stan Jackson at (573) 358-1996 or James Lyon at (573) 756-6009, or by e-mail at [<jaaalyon@sbcglobal.net>](mailto:jaaalyon@sbcglobal.net)

Rolla -- MS&T 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 Baumlin at (417) 831-6585 Website: <http://www.geocities.com/SpringfieldChessClub>



Future Tournaments

July 27—Last Sunday of the Month Tournament—Warrensburg

4SS, G/30. Juggernaut's Hideout Comic Shop, 120 W. Pine Street, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093. Entry fee: \$5. NO PRIZES-Just the satisfaction of playing well. Reg: 1:00-1:45pm. Onsite registration only. Round 1: 2:00pm. Contact: Michael Kersulov, 314-401-1737, <mkersulov@crs.k12.mo.us>

July 29—Saint Louis Blitz II—Chess Club & Scholastic Center—Saint Louis

Blitz tournaments will be held every Tuesday night throughout August.

5SS, G/5 Quick Rated, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave. St. Louis MO 63108. EF: \$5. Prize fund 100% payout to 1st place. Club membership req'd. available from \$1. Reg: 6:30 - 7. Rds: 7, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8. Site entries only. Info: 314-361-CHESS www.saintlouischessclub.org.

July 31—Saint Louis Quick II—Chess Club & Scholastic Center—Saint Louis

Quick tournaments will be held every Thursday night throughout August.

4SS, G/29 Quick Rated, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave. St. Louis MO 63108. EF: \$5. Prize fund 100% payout to 1st place. Club membership req'd. available from \$1. Reg: 5:30 - 6:00. Rds: 6, 7:10, 8:20, 9:30. Site entries only. Info: 314-361-CHESS www.saintlouischessclub.org.

August 9— St. Peter's Quick Tournament—St. Peter's

4SS, G/29, St. Peter's Chess Club, 235 Salt Lick Rd. St. Peter's MO 63376. Entry Fee \$5, Prizes b/40: \$100-1st, \$25-2nd, \$25-3rd. Max one 1/2 pt bye if declared by Round 1. Reg: 12:00–12:20. Rounds: 12:30/1:40/2:50/4:00. MCA required, available onsite from \$5. Entries/Info: Tim Nesham, 636-697-8816

August 10—Saint Louis Swiss I—Saint Louis

4SS, G/90, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave. St. Louis MO 63108. EF: \$35, \$25 for annual members of the club. MCA Membership Req'd from \$5. OSA. \$SGTD \$1,200: \$175 1st in each M/X, A, B, C, D, U1200. \$50 1st Unrated. Reg: 8:00 - 8:50. Rds: 9, 12:30, 3:45, 7. ½ point bye if declared before round 1. Ent: PO Box 4641, St. Louis, MO 63108, 314-361-CHESS. Info: info@saintlouischessclub.org or www.saintlouischessclub.org.

August 16—Free Chess Tournament—Jefferson City

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

August 23—Howard Staunton 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: Charles Ward, 2400 Cimarron Drive, Columbia, MO 65203, 573-443-6685 <czar8196@tranquility.net>

August 23—Joplin Summer Open—Joplin

G/60 Cunningham Park, 26th St. Entrance. This tournament is outdoors under a pavilion, weather and time permitting will be 5 Rd. EF \$10 pre-reg, \$12 on site, site entries cash only, USCF must be current as of 8/22. Prizes based on entries, at least 50% of entry fees paid in cash and trophies. Registration: 8am, 1st round 9am. Send to: Joplin Chess Club, 2618 S. Schifferdecker Ave. Joplin, MO 64084 or joplinchess@yahoo.com or (417)396-0788 BBQ lunch available for \$5! Payment must be received by August 20th, Checks payable to Bart Gibbons. Dress for hot weather, public swimming pool available.

August 30—Saint Louis Swiss II—Saint Louis

4SS, G/90, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave. St. Louis MO 63108. EF: \$35, \$25 for annual members of the club. MCA Membership Req'd from \$5. OSA. \$\$GTD \$1,200: \$175 1st in each M/X, A, B, C, D, U1200. \$50 1st Unrated. Reg: 8:00 - 8:50. Rds: 9, 12:30, 3:45, 7. ½ point bye if declared before round 1. Ent: PO Box 4641, St. Louis, MO 63108, 314-361-CHESS. Info: info@saintlouischessclub.org or www.saintlouischessclub.org.

September 6—Free Chess Tournament—Jefferson City

605 Washington Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Reg: 9:30-9:50AM. Ending about 6pm. Details at jeffersoncitychess.googlepages.com/nexttournament Contact Mike Clark at 573-896-5139 or [<mochessnow@yahoo.com>](mailto:mochessnow@yahoo.com)

September 13—Saint Louis Swiss III—Saint Louis

4SS, G/90, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave. St. Louis MO 63108. EF: \$35, \$25 for annual members of the club. MCA Membership Req'd from \$5. OSA. \$\$GTD \$1,200: \$175 1st in each M/X, A, B, C, D, U1200. \$50 1st Unrated. Reg: 8:00 - 8:50. Rds: 9, 12:30, 3:45, 7. ½ point bye if declared before round 1. Ent: PO Box 4641, St. Louis, MO 63108, 314-361-CHESS. Info: info@saintlouischessclub.org or www.saintlouischessclub.org.

September 19-21—Missouri Chess Festival—Columbia

♙ **2008 Missouri Open:** 5SS, G/120. Best Western Columbia Inn, 3100 I-70 Dr. SE, Columbia, MO; **2-sections:** *Open & Reserve (U1600):* **Prizes:** *Open*—\$250-1st Overall + Plaque (Top MO resident earns spot in 2009 Invitational Championship), \$120-1st in each M/X, A, B. *Reserve*—\$200-1st Overall + Plaque, \$100-1st in each C, D, E, U1000/Unr. **EF:** \$42 by 9/13, \$50 on site. Site entries cash only. **Reg:** 10-10:45am. Rounds: Sat-11/3:30/8, Sun-10:30/3. Max one ½-pt bye. MCA General Membership meeting 9:30-10:15am Sun.

♙ **Missouri Quick Championship:** 4SS, G/29 (QR). **Prizes:** b/20, \$75-1st Overall + Plaque, \$50-1st U1600. **Reg:** 6:30-7pm Friday. Rounds: 7/8/9/10pm. **EF:** \$10 by 9/13, \$15 on site.

♙ **Missouri Bughouse Championship:** 5-Double rounds, G/5. **Prizes:** b/12 teams, \$50-1st Team, \$30-2nd Team. Plaques awarded to top team. (Both players must be MO residents to receive title.) **Reg:** 8-8:15am Sat. Rounds will be paired as quickly as time allows, ending by 10am. **EF:** \$10/team, on site only.

♙ **Missouri Blitz Championship:** 5SS, G/5 (QR). **Prizes:** \$75-1st + plaque, \$50-2nd, \$25-3rd. **EF:** \$10. **Reg:** 8-8:15am Sunday. Rounds will be paired as quickly as time allows, ending by 9:30am.

♙ **MCA Scholastic:** 5SS, G/30 USCF Rated. **Prizes:** Trophies awarded to top 3 scorers in each section: HS, K-8, K-6, K-3. **EF:** \$10 by 9/13, \$15 on site. **Reg:** 9-10am Saturday. Rounds: 10:30/11:45/1:15/2:30/3:45. Awards Ceremony: 5:15pm.

♙ **Missouri State Invitational Championship:** The 5-round showdown between the 6 Invitational Qualifiers will be held in conjunction with the Missouri Open. Don't miss this opportunity to see the Missouri State Champion crowned.

♙ In order to receive a Championship titles/plaque you must be a Missouri resident. MCA membership required for all events except MCA Scholastic & Bughouse, available on site from \$5, O.S.A. **HR:** \$74.95/night, free Wi-Fi & Hot breakfast, 573-474-6161, mention CHESS. **Entries/Info:** Thomas Rehmeier, 5217 Denice St., Jefferson City, MO 65109. JCChess89@yahoo.com, 573-291-0852.

October 18—Adolf Anderson 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: Charles Ward, 2400 Cimarron Drive, Columbia, MO 65203, 573-443-6685 [<czar8196@tranquility.net>](mailto:czar8196@tranquility.net)

Please send tournament announcements to m_c_a@mochess.org to be listed in the bulletin and online.

Arnold Denker Open

~ Charles E. W. Ward ~
Columbia, Missouri

Life Master Bob Holliman of Independence and Tony Dutiel of Kansas tied as winners of the Arnold Denker Open, held in Columbia on June 14, 2008 at the Memorial Union on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. There were 20 players in this event, which is one of four with a \$1 entry fee but no prizes held annually in Columbia.



MU Memorial Student Union
Columbia, Missouri

Directed by Charlie Ward, each tournament is named after a famous chess Grand Master. The next "\$1" tournament, -- the Howard Staunton Open, will be on August 23. Watch the Chess Life TLA for details.

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3
1	Holliman, Bob	2107	3.0	W7	W11	W5
2	Dutiel, Tony	1863	3.0	W14	W12	W4
3	Rehmeier, Thomas R	1769	2.5	W18	W8	D11
4	Johnson, Kevin Dale	2000	2.0	W10	W13	L2
5	Swinger, Nathan	1850	2.0	W15	W6	L1
6	Wright, William H	1400	2.0	W20	L5	W14
7	Kersulov, Michael	1276	2.0	L1	W16	W13
8	Guilford, Stephen M	1262	2.0	W9	L3	W18
9	Easton, Stephen G	1316	2.0	L8	W18	W15
10	Gossell, Joanna	1255	2.0	L4	W19	W12
11	Howe, Gary Bob	1664	1.5	W16	L1	D3
12	Harris, Jack E	1459	1.0	W17	L2	L10
13	Khurana, Arjun K	1440	1.0	W19	L4	L7
14	Ward, Charles E W	1239	1.0	L2	W17	L6
15	Hays, Cameron Price	1231	1.0	L5	W20	L9
16	Johnson, Lucas M	894	1.0	L11	L7	W19
17	Khurana, Nidhi	532	1.0	L12	L14	W20
18	Madenwald, Austin	918	0.0	L3	L9	L8
19	Sharp, Ryan O	580	0.0	L13	L10	L16
20	Johnson, Caitlin B	100	0.0	L6	L15	L17

Quick Chess in Saint Peters

~ Timothy C. Nesham ~
Saint Peters, Missouri

The May St. Peters Quick Tournament G/29 had a strong turnout of 30 players. There were 11 new USCF members from Eldon, MO who came from the same school to play in one last tournament before the end of the school year. The event was won by Ron Luther, clear first with 4 points. 2nd-3rd was shared by Bob Holliman and Joshua Frank. Below is the full cross table for the event:

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4
1	Luther, Ronald G	2137	4.0	W24	W5	W13	W4
2	Holliman, Bob	2086	3.5	W12	W6	D9	W10
3	Frank, Joshua	1936	3.5	W25	W11	D10	W9
4	Herrera, Renzo	1765	3.0	W16	W7	W8	L1
5	Slattery, Ryan Joseph	1363	3.0	W27	L1	W16	W15
6	Hua, Margaret M	1352	3.0	W18	L2	W17	W14
7	Thompson, William	1327	3.0	W29	L4	W27	W13
8	Thompson, Emily L	324	3.0	W15	W22	L4	W23
9	Johnson, Kevin Dal	1734	2.5	W17	W14	D2	L3
10	Ding, Jialin	1431	2.5	W26	W21	D3	L2
11	Rand, Steven Jonat	1350	2.5	W28	L3	W20	D12
12	Latham, Andrew C	959	2.5	L2	W18	W19	D11
13	Cao, Henry	1667	2.0	W20	W19	L1	L7
14	Juliano, Wayne B	1239	2.0	W30	L9	W28	L6
15	Beauchamp, Casey	New	2.0	L8	W26	W21	L5

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4
16	Nesham, William	815	2.0	L4	W29	L5	W27
17	Bramstedt, Doug E	801	2.0	L9	W30	L6	W28
18	Ding, Jason	520	2.0	L6	L12	W24	W25
19	Barten, Mike	New	2.0	W23	L13	L12	W26
20	Murphy, Jackie	New	1.5	L13	W23	L11	D21
21	Sundaram, Trisha	483	1.5	W22	L10	L15	D20
22	Persinger, Jordan	New	1.0	L21	L8	L26	W30
23	Pint, Ryan	New	1.0	L19	L20	W29	L8
24	Roberts, Tony	New	1.0	L1	L27	L18	W29
25	Tristani, Nick	New	1.0	L3	L28	W30	L18
26	Hensley, Allen	New	1.0	L10	L15	W22	L19
27	Sundaram, Ritik	606	1.0	L5	W24	L7	L16
28	Enloe, Nicholas	New	1.0	L11	W25	L14	L17
29	Eicher, Chris	New	0.0	L7	L16	L23	L24
30	Williams, Nick	500	0.0	L14	L17	L25	L22



RECENT GAMES FROM MISSOURI CHESS PLAYERS

Sicilian Defense

South County Swiss

W: Joshua Frank (1991)

B: James A. Davies (2017)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6
3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7
5. O-O d6 6. d3 Nf6
7. Nbd2 O-O 8. a4

Rb8 9. Nc4 Bd7 10. Re1 Ng4 11. Bf4 Be6 12. Ng5
Bc8 13. c3 Nge5 14. Nxe5 Nxe5 15. h3 Qb6 16. Rb1
Bd7 17. b4 h6 18. bxc5 Qxc5 19. d4 Qc8 20. dxe5
hgx5 21. Bxg5 dxe5 22. Bxe7 Re8 23. Bd6 Ra8 24.
h4 Qc6 25. Qd5 b6 26. a5 bxa5 27. c4 Rac8 28. c5
a4 29. Bf1 Qxd5 30. exd5 e4 31. Ba6 a3 32. Bxc8
Bxc8 33. Rb3 a2 34. Ra3 a1=Q 35. Raxa1 Bxa1 36.
Rxa1 a6 37. Kf1 Bh3+ 38. Ke2 Ra8 39. Ke3 f5 40.
Kf4 Kf7 41. Rb1 a5 42. Rb7+ Kg8 43. c6 Bf1 44. c7
Rc8 45. Ra7 Bc4 46. Rxa5 Kf7 47. Ke5 Bd3 48.
Ra7 Re8+ 49. Kd4 Rc8 50. Kc5 Ke8 51. Kb6 Kd7
52. Bf4 Bc4 53. Kc5 Bb3 54. Ra6 Rg8 55. Rd6+
Kc8 56. Rb6 1-0

Alekhine's Defense

South County Swiss

W: Tariq Kazi (1201)

B: Tony D. Rich (1737)

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5
3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5.
exd6 exd6 6. Nc3
Be7 7. Be2 O-O 8.

Nf3 Nc6 9. d5 Ne5 10. Nxe5 dxe5 11. Qd3 f5 12. O-
O Nd7 13. Be3 f4 14. Bd2 Nc5 15. Qf3 a5 16. Ne4
Bf5 17. Nxc5 Bxc5 18. Bd3 Qh4 19. Bxf5 Rxf5 20.
Bc3 Rh5 21. h3 Rg5 22. Rae1 Rg3 23. Qe4 Qxh3
24. Re3 Bxe3 25. fxe3 Rxe3 26. Qxe5 Qxg2+ 27.
Kxg2 Rxe5 28. Bxe5 g5 29. Bxc7 Kf7 30. d6 Ke6
31. Re1+ Kd7 32. Re7+ Kc6 33. d7 Kxc7 34. Re8
Rd8 35. Re5 b6 36. Rxg5 Rxd7 37. Kf3 Rd3+ 38.
Ke4 Re3+ 39. Kd4 h6 40. Rg7+ Kc6 41. Rh7 Re6
42. a4 Rf6 43. Ke5 f3 44. Kxf6 f2 45. Rxh6 f1=Q+
46. Kg7+ Kb7 47. b4 Qa1+ 48. Kg6 Qb1+ 49. Kh5
Qh1+ 50. Kg5 Qg2+ 51. Kh5 Qh2+ 52. Kg5 Qd2+
53. Kh5 Qxb4 54. Rg6 Qxc4 0-1

Sicilian Dragon

South County Swiss

W: James A. Davies (2017)

B: James Marshall (1430)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3.
d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6
5. Nc3 g6 6. Be2 Bg7
7. O-O O-O 8. Be3

Nc6 9. Nb3 Be6 10. f4 Bxb3 11. axb3 Nd7 12. Bf3
a6 13. Rf2 Rc8 14. Rd2 Nc5 15. Bxc5 Ne5 16. Bf2
Nxf3+ 17. Qxf3 Qc7 18. Nd5 e6 19. Nxc7 1-0

Pirc Defense

South County Swiss

W: Tony D. Rich (1737)

B: Joshua Frank (1991)

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3.
Nc3 g6 4. Bg5 Bg7 5.
Qe2 h6 6. Bh4 Nfd7
7. O-O-O c5 8. Nf3

exd4 9. Nxd4 Nc6 10. Nxc6 bxc6 11. Rxd6 g5 12.
Rxc6 Bb7 13. Rc4 gxh4 14. Nd5 Rb8 15. c3 Kf8 16.
Rb4 Bxd5 17. Rxb8 Nxb8 18. Qd2 e6 19. exd5
Qxd5 20. Qxd5 exd5 21. Bb5 Ke7 22. Re1+ Kd6
23. Re3 Be5 24. Rh3 Rg8 25. g3 hxg3 26. hxg3 Bg7
27. Rh5 Nc6 28. Rf5 Ke6 29. g4 Rc8 30. Ba4 Rc7
31. Bb3 Be5 32. f4 f6 33. fxe5 Nxe5 34. Rh5 1/2-1/2

Sicilian Defense

Maryland Heights Swiss

W: Daniel J. Tuttle (1406)

B: William Thompson (1583)

*Here's a game with a
pretty finish by St.
Louis player Dan
Tuttle.*

1. e4 c5 2. c4 g6 3. f4
Bg7 4. Nc3 Nc6 5.
Nf3 e6 6. Be2 Nge7
7. O-O d5 8. e5 d4 9.
Ne4 Nf5 10. g4 d3
11. gxf5 dxe2 12.
Qxe2 O-O 13. f6
Bh6 14. Qf2 Bxf4
15. Qh4 Nxe5 16.
Qxf4 Nxf3+ 17. Rxf3
Kh8 18. Qh6 Rg8
(Diagram Right)



Tuttle-Thompson
White to move, mate in 2.

White has several
ways to knock Black out, Dan finds the fastest and
most forcing. 19. Qxh7+ sacrificing the queen for
mate. (19...Kxh7 20. Rh3#) 1-0

Dutch Defense

South County Swiss

W: John R. Boyer (1777)

B: James A. Davies (2017)

1. d4 e6 2. Bf4 f5 3.
e3 Nf6 4. Nf3 Be7 5.
Be2 O-O 6. O-O
d6 7. c4 Ne4 8. h3
Nd7 9. Nc3 Ndf6 10.

Bd3 Nxc3 11. bxc3 c5 12. Qb3 Qc7 13. Rab1 b6 14.
a4 Bd7 15. Rfe1 Bc6 16. Nd2 e5 17. Bh2 Qd7 18.
Bc2 g6 19. a5 bxa5 20. d5 a4 21. Qb2 Nxd5 22.
cxd5 Bxd5 23. Qa3 Bg5 24. Bxa4 Qf7 25. f4 Bh4
26. Red1 Qe7 27. Bb3 Bxb3 28. Qxb3+ Rf7 29.
Qd5 Re8 30. fxe5 Bg5 31. Bf4 dxe5 32. Bxg5 Qxg5
33. Nc4 Kf8 34. Qxc5+ Qe7 35. Qxe7+ Rfxe7 36.
Nd6 Rd8 37. Nb5 Rc8 38. Ra1 Rc5 39. Rd8+ Kf7
40. Nd6+ Kg7 41. c4 Rc6 42. Nc8 Rec7 43. Rxa7
Rxc4 44. Rd7+ Rxd7 45. Rxd7+ Kf6 46. Nb6 Rc1+
47. Kf2 Rc2+ 48. Kf3 h5 49. Rd6+ Kg5 50. h4+
Kxh4 51. Rxg6 e4+ 52. Kf4 Rf2+ 53. Ke5 Rb2 54.
g3+ Kh3 55. Kxf5 1-0

French Defense

South County Swiss

W: James Marshall (1430)

B: Alexey Kazakebich (1529)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3.
Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4
Nd7 5. Nf3 Ngf6 6.
Nxf6+ Nxf6 7. Be2 b6

8. Bb5+ Bd7 9. Bxd7+ Nxd7 10. O-O Bd6 11. Bg5 f6 12. Be3 O-O 13. c4 e5 14. dxe5 Nxe5 15. Nxe5 Bxe5 16. Rb1 Qxd1 17. Rfxd1 Rfd8 18. b3 = Draw

Queen's Gambit, Chigorin Defense

Missouri Denker Qualifier

W: Brad Schlosser (1856)

B: Jacob S. Amann (1126)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c4 Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nf6 6.Bb5 Bd7

7.Nc3 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bc2 Bg4 10.Be3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Qxd4 13.0-0 e5 14.Rfd1 Qc5 15.Bb3 c6 16.Rac1 Qb6 17.Qf5 Qc7 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Black resigns. 1-0

Pirc Defense

Missouri Denker Qualifier

W: Jacob S. Amann (1126)

B: Thomas R. Rehmeier (1760)

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Be3 c6 6.Qd2 b5 7.Rb1 a5 8.e5 Nfd7

9.exd6 exd6 10.d5 b4 11.dxc6 bxc3 12.cxd7+ Nxd7 13.Qxd6 cxb2 14.Qd5 Rb8 15.Bd4 Qe7+ 16.Be2 Ba6 17.c4 Bb7 18.Qxa5 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Bxd4 0-1

Reti Opening

Missouri Polgar Qualifier

W: Alexandra Chilton (793)

B: Margaret Hua (1525)

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 d5 5.Nc3 Be6 6.d3 h6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4

Bb4 9.Qxd8+ Rxd8 10.Nb5 Rd7 11.Be3 a6 12.Na7 Nxa7 13.Bxa7 Bd6 14.Rad1 b6 15.Nd2 0-0 16.a3 Ra8 17.b4 Rxa7 18.Nb3 a5 19.bxa5 bxa5 20.Rfe1 Bxa3 21.Ra1 Bb4 22.Reb1 a4 23.Nd2 Bxd2 24.f4 a3 25.Rb5 Be3+ 26.Kh1 Bd4 27.Re1 a2 28.h3 a1Q 29.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 30.Kh2 Bg1+ 31.Kh1 Nh5 32.Bf3 Be3+ 33.Kg2 Rd2+ 34.Be2 Bxh3+ 35.Kf3 Ra3 36.Bd3 Bg1 37.Rxe5 Rf2+ 38.Ke3 Rxc2+ 39.Kf3 Rxd3# 0-1

Closed Sicilian

Missouri Class Championship

W: Ronald G. Luther (2006)

B: Kevin Dale Johnson (2000)

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. d3 d6 6. Be3 Rb8 7. Qd2 b5 8. h3 b4

9. Nd1 Qb6 10. Ne2 f5 11. exf5 Bxf5 12. O-O Nf6 13. Bh6 Bxh6 14. Qxh6 Ne5 15. Ne3 Be6 16. Qh4 h6 17. g4 g5 18. Qg3 h5 19. f4 h4 20. Qf2 gxf4 21. Nxf4 Bxg4 22. Nfd5 Nxd5 23. Nxd5 Qd8 24. hxd4 h3 25. Be4 Rg8 26. Kh1 Qd7 27. Bh7 Qxg4 28. Bxg8 Qxg8 29. Ne3 Kd7 30. Rg1 Qc8 31. Qf5+ e6 32. Rg7+ Kc6 33. Qe4+ Kb6 34. d4 Qf8 35. dxc5+ dxc5 36. Qxe5 Qf3+ 37. Kh2 Qf2+ 38. Rg2 hxd2 39. Qxb8+ Ka6 40. Qc8+ Ka5 41. Qxc5+ Ka6 42. Qc6+ Ka5 43. Nc4# 1-0

Bishop's Opening

Missouri Class Championship

W: Robert V. Stepp (1725)

B: Shan H. Siddiqi (1612)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 f5 3.exf5 Qf6 4.Qh5+ g6 5.fxd6 hxd6 6.Qf3 Be7 7.Nc3

Rh4 8.d3 Qg7 9.Nd5 Kd8 10.Nxe7 Nxe7 11.Bg5 Rd4 12.Bf6 e4 13.Bxg7 exf3 14.Nxf3 Rf4 15.Bh6 Rf5 16.0-0-0 d5 17.Bb3 a5 18.a3 b5 19.Bg5 c5 20.Bxe7+ Kxe7 21.Nh4 Rxf2 22.Bxd5 Ra7 23.Rhf1 Re2 24.Rde1 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1+ Kd6 26.Bf3 Rg7 27.Re8 Kc7 28.Be4 Bf5 29.Nxf5 gxf5 30.Bf3 Nc6 31.c3 Rd7 32.Kd2 a4 33.Re6 Na5 34.Ra6 Nc4+ 35.Ke2 Re7+ 36.Kf2 Nxb2 37.Ra7+ Kd6 38.Rxe7 Kxe7 39.Ke3 Kd6 40.h4 b4 41.cxb4 cxb4 42.Kd4 bxa3 43.Bd5 Nxd3 44.h5 Nf4 45.h6 Nxd5 0-1

English Opening, King's Indian

Missouri Class Championship

W: Frank H. Smith (1816)

B: Nick W. Karlow (1943)

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.Nc3 e5 7.d3 Nc6 8.Bd2

Nh5 9.Rb1 f5 10.Ng5 Ne7 11.Nd5 c6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.b4 h6 14.Nh3 Be6 15.b5 c5 16.f4 e4 17.Kh1 Nf6 18.Nf2 d5 19.Qc2 b6 20.a4 Bf7 21.e3 exd3 22.Nxd3 Ne4 23.Nf2 Rfe8 24.Nxe4 dxe4 25.a5 Red8 26.Rfd1 h5 27.Bf1 h4 28.Bc3 hxd3 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.hxd3 Qf6 31.a6 g5 32.Rxd8 Rxd8 33.Rd1 gxf4 34.Rxd8 Qxd8 35.gxf4 Bh5 36.Qg2+ Kf7 37.Qh3 Bf3+ 38.Bg2 Bxg2+ 39.Qxg2 Qh4+ 40.Qh2 Qe1+ 41.Qg1 Qe2 42.Qg5 Qf3+ 43.Kh2 Qf2+ 44.Kh1 Qf3+ 45.Kh2 Qe2+ 46.Kh1 Qd1+ 47.Kh2 Qd2+ 48.Kh1 Qc1+ 49.Kh2 Qb2+ 50.Kh3 Qh8+ 51.Kg3 Qg7 52.Kh4 Qg6 53.Qh5 Kg7 54.Qg5 Kf7 55.Kg3 Qxg5+ 56.fxd3 1/2-1/2

Bishop's Opening

Missouri Class Championship

W: Matthew J. Angeli (1642)

B: Garrett Wirka (1514)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.Nbd2 d5 6.h3 Bd6 7.Ne5 Nfd7

8.Qh5 0-0 9.Ndf3 f6 10.Bd3 Nxe5 11.Bxh7+ Kh8 Black resigns. 1-0

Colle System

Missouri Class Championship

W: Thomas R. Rehmeier (1760)

B: James S. Ellis (2200)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Bd3 b6 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c3 Be7 8.Re1

0-0 9.e4 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nb4 11.Bb1 d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.a3 Nxd2 14.Bxd2 Nc6 15.Re3 b5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Bxg5 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Rh3 Rh8 20.Qxf7 (threatening Rxh6#) Black resigns. 1-0

Two Knights Defense

Missouri Class Championship

W: Isaiah Angeli (822)

B: Dr. John Weidner (1194)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Nxf7 Kxf7 7.Qf3+ Ke6 8.Nc3 Ncb4 9.0-0 c6 10.Qe4 b5 11.Bb3 Bc5 12.a3 Na6 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Qg4+ Kf7 15.Qf3+ Ke6 16.Qg4+ Kd6 17.Qxg7 Be6 18.Qh6 Nc7 19.d4 Bxd4 20.c3 Bc5 21.Ba2 Qe7 22.Be3 Raf8 23.b4 Bb6 24.Bxb6 axb6 25.Rae1 Rf6 26.Qg5 Bf5 27.Qe3 Na8 28.f4 e4 29.Qd4 Qe6 30.Bxd5 Qxd5 31.Qxf6+ Qe6 32.Qxh8 e3 33.Qxa8 e2 34.Qd8+ Kc6 35.Rf2 Bg4 36.Qd3 1-0

Ponziani Opening

Missouri Class Championship

W: Emily Thompson (783)

B: Ashwath S. Kumar (980)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 h6 4.Nc3 d6 5.Be2 Nf6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Be3 Bg4 8.d4 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 exd4 10.Bxd4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 c6 12.Rfe1 0-0 13.Qd1 Re8 14.Re3 Nd7 15.Rd3 Ne5 16.Rd4 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Bf6 18.Rd3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Rc8 20.Re1 Rc7 21.Kf1 Rce7 22.Rdd1 Re6 23.c4 Qb6 24.Qe3 Qxe3 25.Rxe3 Rd8 26.e5 f6 27.exf6 Rxe3 28.fxe3 gxf6 29.c5 d5 30.e4 Kf7 31.exd5 Rxd5 32.Rb1 Rd7 33.Ke2 Ke6 34.g4 Kd5 35.Rd1+ Ke6 36.Rxd7 Kxd7 37.Kf3 Ke6 38.Kf4 b5 39.Ke4 b4 40.Kf4 a5 41.Ke4 a4 42.h4 a3 43.h5 Ke7 44.Kf5 Kf7 45.Ke4 Ke6 46.Kf4 Kd5 47.Kf5 Kc4 48.Kxf6 Kc3 49.g5 Kxc2 50.g6 b3 51.g7 bxa2 52.g8Q a1Q+ 53.Kg6 Qg1+ 54.Kh7 Qxg8+ 55.Kxg8 a2 56.Kh7 a1Q 57.Kxh6 Qh8+ 58.Kg6 Kd3 59.h6 Kd4 0-1

Alapin Sicilian

Missouri Class Championship

W: Milton Garber (1500)

B: Webb A. Miller (1399)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 e6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd5 6.Bc4 dxc3 7.Bxd5 exd5 8.Nxc3 Bb4 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Qxd5 Qc7 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Ng5 d6 14.Bxd6 Qd7 15.Rad1 Nc6 16.Rfe1 Ne7 17.Qxf7+ Kh8 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Qxe7 Black resigns. 1-0

Four Knights Defense

Missouri Class Championship

W: Richard Fox (1467)

B: John Slattery (1523)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Bb4 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qe2 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Nxg4 10.hxg4 Bxg4 11.Qe3 Qf6 12.Nh2 Bh5 13.Ne2 b6 14.d3 Bc5 15.Qd2 Qg6+ 16.Kh1 f5 17.Ng3 f4 18.Nxh5 Qxh5 19.b4 Be7 20.Bb2 f3 21.Rg1 Rf6 22.Rg5 Qh3 23.Bxe5 Raf8 24.Rag1 g6 25.R1g3 Qh4 26.Bxf6 Bxf6 27.R5g4 Qh5 28.d4 Bh4 29.Rh3 g5 30.Rhxh4 Qf7 31.Qxg5+

Kh8 32.Qe5+ Qf6 33.Qxf6+ Rxf6 34.Rf4 Rd6 35.e5 Re6 36.Rhg4 h5 37.Rg5 Kh7 1-0

King's Indian Defense

Missouri Class Championship

W: Nidhi Khurana (536)

B: Fred Smith (860)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nf3 c5 5.Nc3 Ng4 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 g5 8.Be5 f6 9.Bxb8 Rxb8 10.e3 0-0 11.Bd3 f5 12.Ne5 d6 13.Nxg4 f4 14.Bc2 Bxg4 15.Qd3 Bf5 16.e4 cxd4 17.exf5 dxc3 18.bxc3 Qe8 19.f6 exf6+ 20.Qe4 f5 21.Qxe8 Rbxe8+ 22.Kf1 Re5 23.Re1 g4 24.Rxe5 dxe5 25.c5 Rd8 26.Bb3+ Kh8 27.g3 f3 28.h3 Rd2 29.hxg4 Rb2 30.Bd1 fxg4 31.Ke1 Rxa2 32.Rh4 e4 33.Rxg4 Bxc3+ 34.Kf1 Ra1 35.Kg1 Rxd1+ 36.Kh2 e3 37.Rf4 e2 38.Rf8+ Kg7 39.Rb8 Rd7 40.Kh3 e1Q 41.c6 Qe6+ 42.Kh2 Qxc6 43.Re8 Kf7 44.Re3 Re7 45.Rxf3+ Qxf3 46.Kg1 Re1+ 47.Kh2 Qh1# 0-1

Ruy Lopez

Missouri Class Championship

W: Ashwath Kumar (980)

B: Patrick Anderson (1008)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 d6 4.h3 Nf6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.d3 a6 7.Bc4 Na5 8.Bb3 Nxb3 9.axb3 Bc6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Bg5 Nd7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Re1 Nf6 14.d4 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nd2 Rad8 17.Qe2 Rd7 18.Nc4 Bb5 19.Rad1 Rfd8 20.Rxd7 Rxd7 21.Qe3 Bxc4 22.bxc4 Rd4 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.exd5 f6 25.Qxd4 1-0

Modern Benoni

Missouri Class Championship

W: Kevin Dale Johnson (2000)

B: Frank H. Smith (1816)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nh5 11.g4 Nxe5 12.Bb5+ Kf8 13.gxh5 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Qh4+ 15.Kd2 Bg4 16.Qe3 Qxh5 17.Qxc5+ Kg8 18.Kc2 Rc8 19.Qd6 Be5 20.Qb4 Kg7 21.Bd2 Bf3 22.Rhf1 Bxd5 23.Rae1 Rc7 24.Bf4 Bxf4 25.Qd4+ f6 26.Qxf4 Rf7 27.Nxd5 Qxd5 28.Bc4 Rc8 29.Kb3 Qc6 30.Bxf7 1-0

Guioco Piano

Missouri Class Championship

W: Isaiah Angeli (822)

B: Emily Thompson (775)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.d4 d6 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Bxd8 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Ng5 0-0 9.Nc3 Nd4 10.Bd3 h6 11.Nf3 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Re8 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 b6 15.Re1 Bb7 16.Bb5 Re7 17.Bc6 Bxc6 18.dxc6 Re6 19.c3 f6 20.f4 Be7 21.fxe5 fxe5 22.f4 Bc5+ 23.Kg2 Rae8 24.fxe5 Rxc6 25.Bf4 g5 26.Bg3 Rg6 27.e6 Rgxe6 28.Rxe6 Rxe6 29.Bxc7 Re2+ 30.Kf3 Rxb2 31.Kg4 Rc2 32.Kh5 Rxc3 33.Kxh6 Bf8+ 34.Kxg5 Rxc7 35.Rg1 Rg7+ 0-1

Reti Opening

Missouri Class Championship

W: James Long (1981)

B: Selden Trimble (1925)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6
3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0
5.d3 Re8 6.e4 e5
7.Nbd2 d5 8.Re1

dxe4 9.dxe4 Nc6 10.c3 Be6 11.Qe2 Qe7 12.Nc4 Qc5
13.Nfd2 Rad8 14.b4 Qe7 15.b5 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 Nb8
17.Be3 c6 18.a4 b6 19.Reb1 Qd7 20.Rd1 Qe6
21.Bg5 h6 22.Bd2 Nbd7 23.Be3 Bf8 24.f3 Be5
25.Bxc5 bxc5 26.bxc6 Qxc6 27.Rd6 Qc7 28.Rad1
Nb6 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Rxd8+ Qxd8 31.Nxe5 Qe8
32.a5 Qxe5 33.axb6 axb6 34.Qc4 Qd6 35.Qe2 Qe5
36.Qd3 Qc7 37.f4 Qd7 38.Qe2 Qa4 39.e5 Ne8
40.Qd2 Qa7 41.Qd8 Kf8 42.Bc6 Qa1+ 43.Kg2
Qa2+ 44.Kf3 Qe6 45.Qxe8+ Qxe8 46.Bxe8 Kxe8
47.Ke4 Notation ended. White won after a long
struggle in mutual time trouble 1-0

Benko Gambit

Missouri Class Championship

W: Frank H. Smith (1816)

B: Thomas R. Rehmeier (1760)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5
3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3
Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1

8.Kxf1 d6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.g3 Nbd7 11.Kg2 0-0 12.Bf4
Qa5 13.e5 dxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Rfd8 16.Qf3
Nd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rhe1 Re8 19.Re3 Nf6
20.Rae1 Qc7 21.Qe2 Kf8 22.Qc4 Rab8 23.b3 Rb4
24.Qe2 c4 25.bxc4 Rxc4 26.Qb2 Kg8 27.Kg1 Ng4
28.Nb5 Qc5 29.Rc3 Rxc3 30.Nxc3 Nxf2 31.Qxf2
Qxc3 32.d6 e6 33.Rf1 f5 34.Rd1 Qc6 35.Qd4 e5
36.Qe3 e4 37.Kf2 Qc2+ 38.Rd2 Qc6 39.h4 Qa6
40.Qb3+ Kg7 41.Ke3 Rc8 42.Kf4 Rc6 43.Qb2+
Kg8 44.Qe5 In time trouble Black queens, White
sacks the rook; with his two pawns on the six rank
wins the pawns vs. rook endgame. 1-0

Slav Defense

Missouri Class Championship

W: Ashwath Kumar (985)

B: Aravind Ganapathy (1153)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6
3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Ne4 5.Nxe4 dxe4
6.e3 g6 7.f3 exf3

8.Nxf3 Bg7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 h6 11.Bh4 Bg4 12.Qb3
b6 13.Rad1 Nd7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Rxf3 Nf6 16.a4 Rb8
17.Qc2 Rc8 18.e4 Qc7 19.e5 Ne8 20.Rfd3 Rd8
21.c5 bxc5 22.Qxc5 g5 23.Bf2 f6 24.exf6 Nxf6
25.Bf3 Rc8 26.d5 cxd5 27.Bxd5+ Nxd5 28.Qxd5+
Kh8 29.Bd4 e5 30.Rc3 Rcd8 31.Rxc7 Rxd5
32.Rxa7 exd4 33.b4 d3 34.b5 Bd4+ 35.Kh1 Bxa7
White resigns. 0-1

Alekhine's Defense

Missouri Class Championship

W: Nathan Swinger (1848)

B: James Long (1981)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5
3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3
g6 7.Be3 Bg7

8.Rc1 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.b3 Bf5 11.Nf3 d5 12.0-0
dxc4 13.bxc4 Na5 14.Na4 Nxa4 15.Qxa4 Nc6 16.d5
Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Rfd1 b6 19.Bd4 Bxd4
20.Rxd4 Qc7 21.Qb3 Qe5 22.Qe3 Qxe3 23.fxe3
Rac8 24.Rc3 Rc5 25.Ra3 a5 26.Rb3 Rb8 27.Rd2
Bd7 28.Rdb2 b5 29.e4 b4 30.a3 Ba4 31.axb4 axb4
32.Rxb4 Rxb4 33.Rxb4 Bc2 34.e5 Kg7 35.Kf2 Be4
36.g3 Bxd5 37.cxd5 Rxd5 38.Rb5 Rd7 39.Ke3 e6
40.Bf3 Ra7 41.Rb4 Ra2 42.h4 Ra3+ 43.Kf4 h6
44.h5 g5+ 45.Ke4 g4 46.Bxg4 Rxg3 47.Bf3 Rg5
48.Rb2 Rg1 49.Rg2+ Rxg2 50.Bxg2 1/2-1/2

Ponziani Opening

Missouri Class Championship

W: David Reitz (1155)

B: Isaiah Angeli (826)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6
3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7
5.Bc4 0-0 6.0-0
Nc6 7.Re1 Re8

8.h3 e6 9.Bg5 Qd7 10.Qd2 e5 11.d5 Na5 12.b3
Nxc4 13.bxc4 c5 14.a4 a5 15.Nb5 b6 16.Reb1 Rb8
17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nh2 Ba6 19.Ng4 Bg7 20.Qg5 Qe7
21.Qxe7 Rxe7 22.Nxd6 f5 23.Ne3 f4 24.Ng4 h5
25.Nh2 Rd7 26.Nb5 Bxb5 27.Rxb5 Kf7 28.Rab1
Rdb7 29.Nf3 Bf6 30.h4 g5 31.hxg5 Be7 32.Nxe5+
Kg7 33.Nc6 Black resigns. 1-0

French Defense

Missouri Class Championship

W: James S. Ellis (2200)

B: Thomas J. Gaul (1795)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3.
Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5
Be7 5. e5 Nfd7 6.
h4 f6 7. exf6 Bxf6

8. Nf3 b6 9. Bb5 c6 10. Bd3 Na6 11. Qe2 Nc7 12.
Ne5 Nxe5 13. dxe5 Bxg5 14. Qh5+ Ke7 15. hxg5
Ba6 16. O-O-O Qd7 17. Ne4 Raf8 18. g3 Bxd3 19.
Rxd3 Kd8 20. f4 White resigns. 0-1

The Missouri Chess Bulletin Needs Games!!

Submit your latest over the board masterpiece or any other
interesting battle to bdhowe@yahoo.com or 4403 Gage Pl.
Columbia, MO 65203. The more annotations, the better!

White to Move and Win**Answer:**

1.Nd5! If black takes the Knight or moves
the Queen out of attack, then 2. Qxg7#
After 2...Bxd4, 3. Nxe7+ Kg7 4. Bxd4, and
White has an extra piece and a Black king
on the run.

Missouri State Champions



8-Time Missouri State Champion
Life Master Ronald G. Luther



MO Open Champion
James A. Davies



Reserve Champion
Bradley J. Herbst

2008 Class Champions

Master/Exp Ronald G. Luther
Kevin Dale Johnson

Class A Daniel R. Huff

Class B Timothy C. Nesham

Class C Cody B. Ruggles

Class D Tim V. Campbell
Stephen G. Easton

Class E Austin Madenwald

Novice Ashwath S. Kumar



Denker Champion
Frank H. Smith



Polgar Champion
Joanna Gossell

HS Championship Team

Parkway Central High School
(Second consecutive title.)

Scholastic K-12 Grade Champions

K	Kevin Z. Guo	1st	Ritik Sundaram	2nd	Justin Chen Daniel Spark Nicholas Pallotto	3rd	Brian Kuo Keturah Gadson Zachary Millsap
4th	George Bechthold Margaret Hua	5th	Jialin Ding	6th	Sarah Sampei Ashwath Kumar Jacob Kantor	7th	Isaiah Gadson
8th	Jonht Bechthold	9th	Arjun Khurana	10th	Brad Schlosser	11th 12th	Teddy King Spencer Conklin

For a complete history of Missouri Champions, visit www.mochess.org & click the Champions Link.

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>	WALDO ODAK
Missouri Class Championships <i>Columbia</i>	NATHAN SWINGER
Kansas City Open <i>Kansas City</i>	JULY 25-27, 2008

**On September 20 and 21 the six invitees will compete in a 5-Round,
Round-Robin tournament in Columbia, Missouri for the title of
~2008 Missouri State Chess Champion~**



Missouri Chess Association
Bulletin Editor
4403 Gage Place
Columbia, MO 65203