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Editor's Note of Thanks

I would like to thank the following contributors who made this issue possible: Michael Spohn, Randal Ferguson, Pat Hart, Bill Willard, Lee Hyder and Andy Jackson. I especially want to thank John Burstow of Winnipeg, Canada for allowing me to reprint his interview with Deep Blue.

I need materials for the next issue by March 16,

The President's Page

By Michael Spohn

SCCA President

At our state meeting, the SCCA gave three mandates to its officers: one, give more support to Scholastic Chess; two, revive the SC Open Championship; and three, create more chess tournaments to increase the opportunities for our membership to play tournament chess in South Carolina. Here is a progress report.

As for Scholastic Chess, it is off to a fast start, due to the help of Dr. Clyde Smith, Henry White, Luther Barnett and others. For the first time not only will we crown champions in Elementary, Middle, and High

School, we will also do it by grades, K-12.

The SC Open Championships has one small problem, no organizer. This individual would be responsible for securing a

site in the upstate area in its traditional June time frame. As of the printing of this issue, no one has responded to

my request for a volunteer. In the next week or so, I will be asking some of you for help in this matter. I am willing to direct this event, in this way the organizer can play in the tournament without distraction. If necessary I will organize

"The SC Open will be revived this year, not having it is simply not an option."

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Champion's Corner

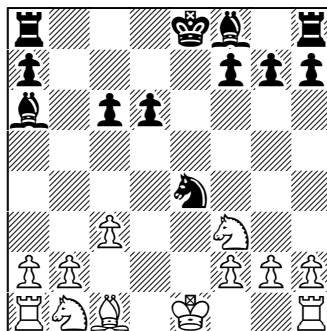


By Randal Ferguson
1987, 1996, and 1997
South Carolina Chess Champion
USCF ChessMaster

Here is my fourth round win over Corbett in last year's state championship. This was a critical game as we were leading the tournament. After this win, I was afforded the luxury of "kneeling on it" by obtaining a quick draw in the fifth round, as no one could catch me.

W: Corbett,C (1889) – B: Ferguson,R (2251)
[B22]
State Championship (4), 10/19/97

1. e4 c5 2. c3 d6 3. d4 ♟f6 4. dxc5 (Bd3 is best)
 4. ... ♟c6 (Of course not Ne4 as Qa4+ picks up the knight.) 5. ♖b5 ♟xe4 6. ♖xc6+ bxc6 7. cxd6 ♜xd6 8. ♜xd6 exd6 9. ♟f3 ♖a6! (diagram) Even with the queen's off the board, White is already in trouble. 10. ♟bd2 ♟c5! 11. c4 ♟d3+ 12. ♜f1 g6 13. b3 ♖g7 14. ♜b1 0-0 15. g3 ♜fe8 16. ♜g2 ♜e2 17. ♜f1 White is so tied up in knots he can only react to Black's build up. 17. ... c5 Brings the



Position after 9...♖a6!

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Is Chess Dead in South Carolina?

By Pat Hart

We have always ranked as one of the lowest states in respect to the number of USCF members and probably club players as well.

It now seems that not only are the number of tournaments dwindling, the support of those remaining is following suit. Undoubtedly, there are many non-USCF players out there who do not participate in organized chess and many reasons to explain it. But, can what is

left of our existing clubs and their tournaments survive without the support of existing members? Small local tournaments may help retain players at little cost, but eventually playing only against fellow members becomes less inter-

esting, particularly if there are few stronger players to test your mettle against periodically. An obvious alternative is to sponsor a larger event with the inherent financial risk of attracting players from elsewhere, or traveling yourself.

We here in Charleston had a tournament every month in 1997. Although they were mainly for the benefit of local players, these extra events with low entry fees and very competitive games, only drew a relatively small following. I thought the lower turnout was due to more chances to play, but then our annual Charleston Classic last August had only twenty four participants. No,

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CHARLESTON CLASSIC
LAST AUGUST
HAD ONLY 24 PARTICIPANTS.**

An Interview with Deep Blue

By John Burstow



Interviewer: Now that you have defeated Garry Kasparov and are virtual World Champion . . .

Deep Blue: Virtual World Champion! I like that. Yes, very witty.

Interviewer: Thank you. But, seriously, I mean to ask, I am sure our readers would like to know, do you have any advice for aspiring youngsters? How might they best improve their game?

Deep Blue: Indeed, I do have a few simple maxims that I think might help any player improve. First, I think even a player who is just starting out should have memorized all the master games ever played, along with all known analysis, and then to have this material arranged hierarchically, that is, in a single tree with a precise evaluation accompanying each position. Order is essential. Getting past the first dozen moves in chess without disadvantage is no piece of cake, as I think my recent opponent found out in the concluding game of our match.

Interviewer: I see. But would it not be more economical to delete lemons from your own repertoire, and include only those that are possible options for your opponents?

Deep Blue: Economical? You mean, save on memory? But how much memory are we talking about, really? A gig, gig and a half max. No big deal. But, if you do any deleting, you leave yourself vulnerable to unforeseen transpositions into positions that at critical junctures you may wish you still had in memory. And, hey,

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speaking of transpositions, don't forget to cross-reference everything positionally. You don't want to get tripped up by some cheap reversal of moves.

Interviewer: Study master games, watch out for transpositions. Anything else?

Deep Blue: Yes. You have often heard that you should "learn the endgame first." Personally, I seemed to have learned everything at exactly the same time, which is a bit unique, so I am not sure what the sequence should be in the course of other people's education. But the ending is very important, no question about that. So, at the minimum, you should have every possible position for all endings involving up to seven pieces, and they should be secure in your database before you even think of playing. There just isn't time to work out all that stuff over the board.

Interviewer: True.

Deep Blue: Another really important thing has to do with the well-known horizon effect, the subject of many jokes and not the most pleasant topic of conversation for my colleagues and myself, as you can imagine. Now, numbers are really important, believe you me, but there are times when you have to move beyond them. Think of stats as your servants, not your masters, if you know what I mean.

Interviewer: I'm not sure that I do.

Deep Blue: Okay. Let's say you're winning by a country mile-- +12.980003 pawn equivalents, for the sake of argument--but because of your horizon, and we all have our horizons however many plies in the future they may hover, your ancillary CPUs keep recommending a continuation that obviously leads to a repetition.

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South Carolina Games

W: Collins,J (1651) - **B: Will,M** (1595) [A16]

Charleston Classic XVII (3), 8/23/97

Annotated by Fritz 5.00 (45s)

1. c4 ♖f6 **2. ♘c3** g6 **3. g3** ♙g7 **4. ♙g2** d6 [4. ... 0-0 5. ♘f3 d6 6. 0-0 ♘c6 7. d3 ♘h5 8. d4 e5 9. d5 ♘e7 10. e4 f5 11. exf5 gxf5 12. ♘xe5 ♘xg3 13. hxg3 ♙xe5 14. f4 ♙g7 15. ♙e3 ♙d7 16. ♙d4 ♘g6 17. ♙e1 ♙f7 18. ♙f3 ♙f8 19. ♙f2 ♙e8 20. ♙xe8 ♙xe8 21. ♙xg7 ♙xg7 22. ♙d4 b6 23. ♙h1 a5 24. ♘d1 ♙f8 25. ♘e3 ♙f7 26. b3 ♙g7 27. ♙xg7+ ♙xg7 28. a3 ♙f8 29. ♙e2 ♘e7 30. ♙d3 h6 31. ♙h5 ♙e8 32. ♙h2 ♙d7 33. ♙h1 ♙h8 34. ♘c2 Petrosian,T-Fischer,R/Portoroz izt 1958/½-½ (67)] **5. d3**

Covers e4 **5. ... 0-0 6.**

♙d2 e5 7. ♘f3 ♘bd7

8. 0-0 ♙b8 9. ♙c1 c6

Consolidates b5+d5 **10.**

b4 ♘e8 11. a4 f5 12.

♙b3 ♙e7 13. e4 h6

Controls g5 **14. ♘h4 ♙**

h7 15. exf5 gxf5 16.

♙c2 (diagram) ♘b6±

[16. ... ♘c7!?± should be

considered] **17. a5 ♘a8**

18. ♙ce1± [18. ♙e3!? b6 19. ♙xc6 bxa5 20. bxa5+-]

18. ... ♙f6 19. ♙e4± [△ 19. f4!? would keep White

alive 19. ... ♙xh4 20. gxh4±] **19. ... fxe4 20.**

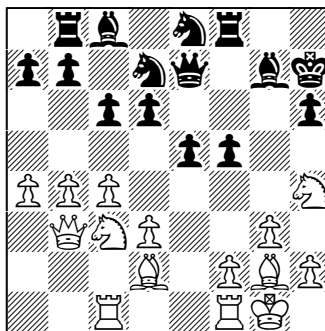
♙xe4+ ♙g7 21. ♘g6 ♙f7 22. ♘xf8 ♙xf8 23.

f4± [23. ♙e3!? should be examined more closely

23. ... ♙h3 24. ♙d2±] **23. ... ♙h3 24. ♙f2 ♙f7 25.**

fxe5 dxe5 26. d4 exd4 White gets strong play

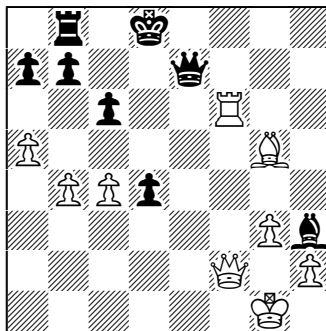
along the open f-file **27. ♙g6+ ♙e7 28. ♘e4 ♙**



Position after 16. ♙c2

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d8??+- letting the wind out of his own sails [28. ... Δ ac7 29. Δ f4 Δ d8 \pm] **29. Δ xe8 Δ xe8 30. Δ xf6** [30. Δ xf6 Δ e7+-] **30. ... Δ c7 31. Δ xh6** [Δ 31. Δ xh6!? keeps an even firmer grip 31. ... Δ e6 32. Δ xh3 Δ g6+-] **31. ... Δ e6 32. Δ g5** [32. Δ f2 Δ h8 33. Δ c5 Δ e7 34. Δ f7+ Δ e8 35. Δ xe6 Δ xe6 36. Δ f8+ Δ d7 37. Δ xh8 Δ xh8 38. Δ xd4+ Δ d5 39. Δ g7+ Δ d6 40. Δ f4+ Δ e6 41. Δ e5+ Δ f7 42. cxd5 Δ h7 43. d6 Δ g7 44. Δ f5+ Δ g8 45. d7 Δ xd7 46. Δ xd7 b6 47. Δ h6 bxa5 48. Δ g7#] **32. ... Δ e7** [32. ... Δ xg5 the only chance to get some counterplay 33. Δ xg5 Δ c7+-] **33. Δ f2** [Δ 33. Δ xe6+!? makes it even easier for White 33. ... Δ xe6 34. Δ f8+ Δ xf8 35. Δ xf8 Δ c7 36. Δ h7+ Δ d7+-] **33. ... Δ xg5 34. Δ xg5!** touché!. (diagram) Threatening mate: Δ e6 **34. ... Δ e8** **35. Δ h6 Δ e5** [35. ... Δ e4 does not solve anything 36. Δ f8+ Δ d7 37. Δ f7+ Δ e7 38. Δ xe7+ (38. Δ xb8 Δ xf7 39. Δ xb7+ Δ e6 40. Δ xf7 Δ xf7 \pm) 38. ... Δ xe7 39. Δ xb8+-] **36. Δ f8+ Δ d7** Threatening mate... how? **37. Δ f7+** [Δ 37. Δ xb8 and White wins 37. ... Δ f5 38. g4 Δ g6 39. Δ xb7+ Δ c8+-] **37. ... Δ d6** [37. ... Δ e7 there is nothing else anyway 38. Δ xe7+! and the rest is history 38. ... Δ xe7 39. Δ xb8 b6+-] **38. Δ f4!** the knockout punch[38. Δ f4 Δ xf4 39. Δ xf4+ Δ d7 40.



Position after 34. Δ xg5!

“The quality of any man’s life has got to be a full measure of that man’s personal commitment to excellence and victory, regardless of what field he may be in.”

Vince Lombardi

The Internet Chess Club **Pro Con**

By Henry White



By Lee Hyder

I enjoy playing on the ICC. I initially signed on for the free seven day trial membership solely to follow the Kasparov-Deep Blue match last year. I then got hooked. The ICC has over 10,000 regular users and boasts that over 40,000 games are played on it daily. It is like belonging to any other chess club. Lots of "characters" frequent the club. As Lee Hyder indicates, the club is accessed by a software program called Blitzin. I have used the windows of version of Blitzin without any difficulty. Blitzin's graphical interface is straightforward and easy to use. It has a standard 2-D chessboard and a separate information window that contains data about the other

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The Biggest Chess Club in the World? Sounded good. I called up the Web Site of the Internet Chess Club to see what it was like. They offer seven free days of participation before you have to pay your dues; I decided I'd try it.

First you have to download software. I prefer to use my Macintosh computer; but the best ICC software for the Mac is a third-party program that has to be bought separately. We have a PC clone too, so I downloaded the free ICC Windows software. It's a little clunky, but it works. Then I registered for their seven day trial. Only after you register do they send (by E-mail) a guide to the use of the software.

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club members who are on-line and the challenges they have issued. This information window moves at a fairly rapid pace and is difficult to follow until you become familiar with it.

Like a regular chess club, you issue and accept offers to play games. The club has an Elo rating system similar to the USCF's. I have heard that the ICC ratings tend to be about 50 points lower than the USCF. Typically, most games are played between players whose ratings are within 100 points.

The challenge posts in the information window contain your screen name, ICC rating, the rating range you are seeking, and the time control you want. Mostly speed chess is played, some at hyper-speeds. Many games use the Fischer style clock which adds time after each move. Finding a game is easy. A number is assigned to each challenge made.

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So, what next? Running the software, one sees a chart showing a number of players looking for games, ordered by their ratings and the time limit they want to play by. I picked one who was looking for a 2000 or higher rated opponent, and tried to answer the challenge, but was rejected because my rating was too low. I set my sights lower; same thing. It turns out that my rating was (of course) 0000. This is even though part of the registration involves identifying your USCF or FIDE rating. An E-mail exchange with the Club revealed that these are ignored, and you have to establish an ICC rating. Well, ok, I decided I'd offer a challenge, and I did, but no one answered. The reasons were, I think, that I didn't want to play blitz, which is what most people play, and I was unrated.

Time control. I never did play a game in the seven days. I could have, of

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When you see a challenge you want to accept, you type "play" and the assigned number. You've got to be quick, however, because others are watching and may accept the challenge before you do. If your acceptance arrives first, you are instantly connected with your opponent. Like real chess clubs you can send real time messages to your opponent or to anyone else who is logged on. You can also observe other games that are in progress. Brent Boyay and I talk to each other all the time on the ICC. You can set Blitzin so that it automatically notifies you when your friends are logged on.

You access the ICC through an internet provider like America Online. The membership fee is \$49.00 per year. Of course, this is in addition to what you pay your internet provider. This fee allows you to play chess with oppo-

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course; one of my sons, with more time, and especially more patience than I had, got through the startup problems quite successfully. I'll admit that I was turned off by the problems of getting started, as well as by the atmosphere. There is a constant patter on the screen of people yakking at each other (in print) in a jargon that reminds me of CB-radio talk, boring at the few times it was intelligible. Like CB-radio, everybody has a "handle". They pick it when joining, and then play all their games under that name. I suppose for some people anonymity is necessary to overcome their inhibitions, or to establish a fictional identity that they prefer to their own, but it had no particular appeal to me. Whenever I've played chess it has been a matter of courtesy to introduce oneself, and I like that.

Play on the Internet is an

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nents from around the world from the convenience of your home. I thoroughly enjoy using the ICC and strongly recommend it.

The ICC conducts weekly tournaments. A number of grandmasters are ICC members. Among them are Joel Benjamin, David Norwood, Dmitry Gurevich, Alexander Shabalov, Boris Gulko, Lev Alburt, and Alex Yermolinsky to name a few. These GM's often play simulms on a first come basis.

The ICC, however, is not prefect. During prime time so many players are logged on that there can be a considerable lag between moves.

The following are the handles for some of the South Carolina players who are ICC regulars: Alca-

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attractive idea. I hope the USCF or someone establishes a better version than the ICC. Maybe a grownup version, populated by real people? The new Web Page "Chess Planet" (where the FIDE home page is found) apparently is going to offer Internet play sometime in the future. There are other places to play now, such as the Chessmaster Network (www.chessmasternetwork.com). I'd be interested in hearing from someone about those. If you know one you think I should try, or if your experience with the ICC differs greatly from mine, send me an E-mail at hyder@groupz.net and tell me about it.

Footnote: Since I wrote this I have received a USCF bulletin announcing an alliance between the

“Not everyone can be a winner all the time, but everyone can make that effort, that commitment to excellence.”

Vince Lombardi

SCCA Business Meeting Minutes

By Bill Willard, SCCA Secretary

John McCrary opened the meeting on October 18, 1997, at 1:30 pm.

Order of business

1. President John McCrary indicated that he could not continue as President of the SCCA. He currently holds ten positions with the USCF.
2. Treasurer's report: The SCCA treasury had a balance of approximately \$2,000.00 prior to the state tournament.
3. Secretary's Report: The proposal mailed to each member (Proposal 1997.1) passed by a vote of 38-2-1. The proposal was re-read. Local clubs were encouraged to apply for this support.
4. The USCF grant was discussed. In the past, this amount was used toward scholastic chess in the state. A motion was presented. Motion: The USCF Grant would be used toward scholastic chess, including but not specifically for the Denker tournament. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Club support was discussed. A motion was presented. Motion: State officers are authorized to grant state funds for assistance to scholastic clubs on an individual (by request) basis. Unanimous approval of elected officers is required. The motion was passed with no opposition.
6. Harry Abrams, chairman of the nominating committee thanked the outgoing officers for their contributions to the State Chess Association. Mr. Abrams, representing the nominating committee, recommended the following individuals for 1997-1998 State Officers:

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Michael Spohn - President

Henry White - Vice President

Bill Willard - Vice President

Pat Hart - Treasurer

USCF Delegate - John McCrary

First Alternate - Lee Hyder

Second Alternate - Bill Corbett

The recommendation was put into the form of a motion and passed.

7. Michael Spohn reported on scholastic chess. He provided a handout of all scheduled scholastic tournaments.

8. Wayne Williams introduced from David Williams a proposal to concurrently run the Junior Championships with the State Championships as a separate section. Motion: The President is authorized to determine the feasibility of holding the Junior Tournament concurrently with the State Championships, and to implement such an event if it determines it is feasible. The winner of such an event would be declared State Junior Champion. Discussion followed. Concern was expressed and centered on possible distractions for adult players. The motion passed.

9. Under New Business, Randal Ferguson introduced for discussion what can we do to have more tournaments. Committee chairmen were recognized and some responded. Committee chairmen recognized were Wayne Williams (Club Development), Michael Spohn (Scholastic), and Henry White (Editor of Palmetto Chess).

10. Motion: To commend all individuals working on committees this past year. The motion was passed.

The business meeting was closed, and play resumed.

From the Editor's Desk

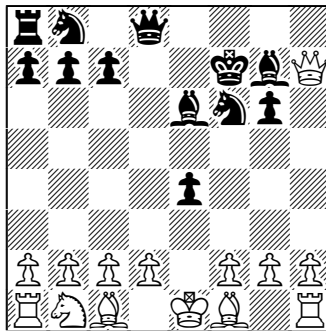
Tennison Gambit Revisited

In the last issued Lee Hyder analyzed the following line known as the Tennison Gambit: 1. Nf3 d5 2. e4?! dxe4 3. Ng5 e5 4. Nxf7!? Kxf7 5. Qh5+ g6 6. Qxe5 Be6. Mr. Hyder's original manuscript indicated that by 6. ...Be6 he was convinced that by a counter-sacrifice of the rook on h8, Black could trap the White queen in the corner. However, Mr. Hyder did not indicate how the queen would be trapped. Well, in order to enlighten my readers, I decided as a matter of "editorial license" to add some analysis on how the queen would be trapped. Unfortunately, my insightful analysis was wrong. Andy Jackson sent me a letter shortly after the last issue was published

pointing out the flaw in my analysis. I had concluded that by 7. Qxh8 Bg7 8. Qxh7 Nf6 (*diagram*) (Mr. Jackson also pointed out I had made the typo 8. ...

Ng6 in my analysis) the queen would be trapped. Mr. Jackson correctly points out that I overlooked the island of safety at h4, made possible by Black's knight blocking the Black queen's attack on h4. He further indicates that he prefers 6. ...Nf6 to Mr. Hyder's suggested 6. ...Be6. I want to thank Mr. Jackson for your insightful analysis.

When I had inserted my analysis into Mr. Hyder's work, I had intended to use Fritz 5 to check my analysis, but due to the rush of getting out an already late is-



Position after 8. ...Nf6

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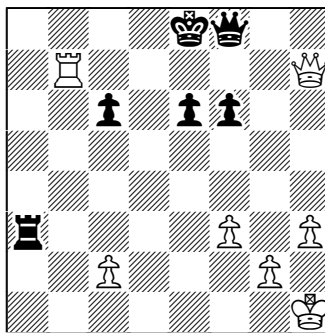
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sue, I failed to run the position by Fritz. Here is what Fritz 5 thinks about the best play after 6. ...Be6 in the Tennison Gambit:

**1. ♖f3 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. ♖g5 e5 4. ♖xf7 ♜xf7
5. ♜h5+ g6 6. ♜xe5 ♙e6 7. ♜xh8 ♖f6 [7. ...
♙g7 8. ♜xh7 ♖d7 9. ♙b5 c6 10. ♙c4 ♙xc4=] 8.
♖a3 [8. ♖c3 ♜d4 9. ♖b5 ♜d7 10. ♖a3 ♖c6-+; 8.
♙b5 c6 9. ♖c3 cxb5 10. f3 exf3-+] 8. ... ♜d7 [8. ...
♜e7 9. ♖c4 ♖c6 10. g4 ♖d4=] 9. ♖c4 ♖c6 10. b4
♜e8±.**

Living Right

Bill Willard must be living right. He sent me this position that arose in the game he played against Saul O' Conner in last year's state championship. Willard, playing Black looks busted at first blush. White threatens mate with Rb8 and Qd7, both of which can't be defended against. Willard, however, found 31. ...Ra1+ 32. Kh2 Qd6+ 33. g3 Qd2++. Wow!! Even Houdini would have been proud to have escaped that one.



Position after 31. ♜xb7

Thank You ChessBase

ChessBase has given me permission to use Fritz 5 to analyze games for our newsletter. Although some of the purist out there may resent the use of silicon analysis, I simply don't have the time to annotate games. So, if you want less analysis from Fritz, please send me your own. Of course, please let me know if you dis-

LOCAL CHESS CLUBS

AIKEN

Contact: M. Lee Hyder
(hyder@groupz.net)
33 Longwood Drive
Aiken, SC 29801
(803) 648-8924

ANDERSON

The Blue Ridge Chess Club.
Contact: Bill Willard
(bwillard@carol.net)
(864) 882-7841 after 6:00 PM

CHARLESTON

The Charleston Chess Club
meets every Wednesday from
7:00 PM until closing in the
McDonald's restaurant at 1201
Sam Rittenberg Boulevard
(Highway 7) and Orange Grove
Road. (I-26 Exit #216).

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Contact: Patrick Hart
(path@awod.com)
1558 Periwinkle Drive
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
(803) 849-0177

COLUMBIA

The City of Columbia Chess
Club meets at Lorick Park, 1751
Lorick Avenue (off North Main)
each Thursday evening from
7:00 PM.

Contact: Larry Thompson
(803) 691-9339

Some chessplayers have been

meeting informally at the Barnes
& Noble Bookstore on Harbison
Boulevard, across from the Co-
lumbiana Centre Mall. The
gatherings usually occur on Sat-
urday and Sunday afternoon.
Monthly tournaments are also
held. The store is one of the
best bookstores in the state, and
has an excellent selection of
chess books.

278-A Harbison Blvd
Columbia, SC 29212
(803) 749-9009

GREENVILLE

The Greenville Chess Club
meets at the Bobby Pearce Cen-
ter, 820 Townes Street Exten-
sion, each Thursday evening
from 7:30 PM.

Contact: Wayne Williams
402 Berea Forest Circle
Greenville, SC 29611
(864) 246-6363

GREER

The BMW Chess Club meets in
the Employee Club of the BMW
Manufacturing Corporation at
1400 Highway 101 South.

Contact: Horace Mays
(864) 989-6000, Ext. 7334 or

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Fax: 989-5861

HARTSVILLE

The Hartsville Chess Club meets in Room 201 of the Center Theater, 212 N. 5th Street, each Thursday evening from 7:30 PM.

Contact: Clyde Smith
(803) 383-3937

MURRELLS INLET

The Murrells Inlet Chess Club meets at 341 Rum Gully Circle each Tuesday from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Ray Lewis
(803) 651-8924

MYRTLE BEACH

The South Strand Chess Club meets at the Surfside Civic Center each Tuesday from 7:00 PM.

Contact: William Smith
(803) 238-0853

NORTH AUGUSTA

The North Augusta Chess Club meets in the Riverview Park recreation center basement each Wednesday evening from 7:00 PM.

Contact: M. Lee Hyder
(hyder@groupz.net)
33 Longwood Drive
Aiken, SC 29801
(803) 648-8924

ROCK HILL

The Rock Hill Chess Club meets

in the student center at York Technical College on Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM.

Contact: Pete Danker
(803) 548-0955
Boyd Bruce
(boydb@lyon.york.lib.sc.us)

SPARTANBURG

The Spartanburg Chess Club meets in Mimi's Uptown Deli, 180 East Main Street, each Tuesday evening from 7:30 PM.

Contact: David Williams (864)
573-9861; Spencer Matthews
(864) 582-2551; club phone (864)
585-8332

WOODRUFF

The Woodruff Chess Club meets in the First Citizens Bank, corner of Pine Street & Main Street, each Monday evening from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Lloyd Angel
(864) 476-7860

**“That’s the real Capablanca
you’re playing against, you
loon. The whole club is
laughing at you.”**

*Helen Hayes (See Bennet Cerf’s
Try and Stop Me)*

FIDE KNOCKOUT

By Henry J. White

The FIDE World Chess Championships were held in Groningen in the Netherlands from December 8-31, 1997. The world's top 96 chessplayers were invited. Only Garry Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik refused to participate. The event was played in an eight round knockout format. Each round consisted of a series of two game matches at standard time controls, followed by additional rapid-play games and a single sudden death game if the matches were tied. The final round was played in Lausanne, Switzerland on January 1-9, 1998. Viswanathan Anand defeated Michael Adams in round seven to earn the right to play Anatoly Karpov for the FIDE title. FIDE seeded Karpov directly into the finals.

Karpov defeated Anand in the finals by winning their sudden death game after the regular time control games ended in a tie. His victory earned him \$1.3 million. Three hundred and forty two games were played in the tournament. You can find all the games at "The Week in Chess" homepage at www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html. Some of my favorite games are below.

W: Seirawan - B: Ivanchuk

FIDE WC Groningen, NED (3), 12/10/1997

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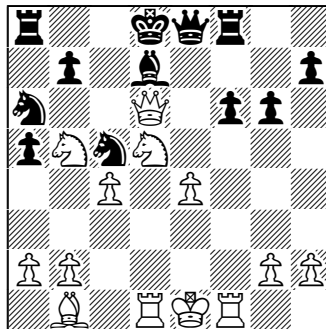
1. d4 ♟f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♟c3 ♙g7 4. e4 d6 [4. ... 0-0
5. e5 ♟e8 6. f4 d6 7. ♙e3 c5 8. dxc5 ♟c6 9. cxd6
exd6 10. ♟e4 ♙f5 11. ♟g3 ♙e6 12. ♟f3 ♚c7 13.
♚b1 dxe5 14. f5 e4 15. fxe6 exf3 16. gxf3 f5 17. f4
♟f6 18. ♙e2 ♚fe8 19. ♚f2 ♚xe6 20. ♚e1 ♚ae8 21.
♙f3 ♚xe3 22. ♚xe3 ♚xe3 23. ♚xe3 ♚xf4+ 0-1

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Letelier,R-Fischer,R/Leipzig ol 1960] 5. **♙d3 e5** 6. **d5** White wins space 6. ... **a5** 7. **♗ge2 ♖a6** 8. **f3** Covers g4 8. ... **♜d7** 9. **♙e3 ♙h6** 10. **♚d2 ♙xe3** Black inhibits 0-0 11. **♜xe3 c6** Prevents intrusion on b5 12. **♜h6** Black cannot castle king side 12. ... **♜dc5** 13. **♜d1 ♜b6** 14.

♙b1 ♙e7 15. **f4 exf4** [15. ... ♜xb2? is worthless because of 16. fxe5 ♙e8 17. exd6+ -] 16. **♜f1 ♜f8** 17. **♜xf4 f6** 18. **dx c6 ♜xc6** [18. ... ♙e6 19. ♜xd6+ ♙e8 20. cxb7 ♜xb7+ -] 19. **♜d4** Threatening mate... how? 19. ... **♜e8** 20. **♜d5+ ♜d8** 21. **♜xd6+ ♙d7** 22.



Position after 22. ♜b5

♜b5 (diagram) [22. ♜b5 ♜xe4 23. ♙xe4 ♜xe4+ 24. ♙f2 ♜c2+ 25. ♙g3 ♜f7 26. ♜xf6 ♜f5 27. ♜xf7 ♜xf7 28. ♜f1 ♜c5 29. ♜b6+ ♙e8 30. ♜d6+ ♙f8 31. ♜xf7+ ♙g8 32. ♜f6+ ♙h8 33. ♜xh7#; 22. ♜xf6 ♜f7 23. ♜f3 ♜h8 24. ♜xd7 ♜e7 25. ♜c6+ bxc6 26. ♜xc6 ♜xd7 27. ♜xa8+ ♙c7 28. ♜a7+ ♙d8 29. ♜xa6 ♙e8+; 22. ♜xf6 is much worse 22. ... ♜f7 23. ♜f4 ♜xf6 24. ♜xf6+ ♙c8 25. ♜b6+ ♙b8 26. ♜d6+ ♜c7+ -] **1-0**.

W: Short N - B: Adams,M [B17]

FIDE WC Groningen, NED (6), 12/10/1997

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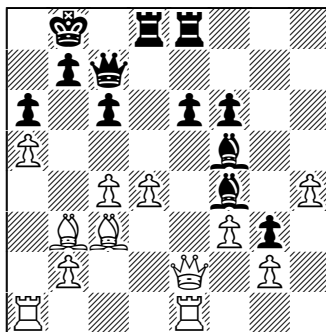
1. e4 c6 2. **d4 d5** 3. **♜c3 dxe4** 4. **♜xe4 ♜d7** 5. **♙c4** [5. ♜f3 ♜gf6 6. ♜xf6+ ♜xf6 7. c3 (7. ♙c4 ♙f5 8. ♙e2 e6 9. ♙g5 ♙g4 10. 0-0-0 ♙e7 11. h3 ♙xf3 12. ♜xf3 ♜d5 13. ♙xe7 ♜xe7 14. ♙b1 ♜d8 15. ♙e4 b5 16. ♙d3 a5 Fischer,R-Petrosian,T/Bled 1961/1-0 (36)) 7. ... ♙g4 8. h3 ♙xf3 9. ♜xf3 e6 (9. ... ♜d5 10.

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♙e2 e6 11. 0-0 ♘d6 12. ♖d3 ♙c7 13. ♙f3 ♖d7 14. ♙d1 0-0 15. c4 ♙ad8 16. ♖b3 ♖e7 17. g3 ♙b8 18. ♙e3 ♙d7 19. ♙d2 ♙fd8 20. ♙ad1 h6 21. a3 ½-½ Kasparov, G-Karpov, A/Wch34-KK4 Sevilla 1987) 10. ♙c4 ♙e7 11. 0-0 ♘d5 12. ♙e3 ♖b6 13. ♖e2 0-0 14. ♙ad1 ♙d6 15. ♙b3 ♘xe3 16. fxe3 c5 17. ♙f3 ♙ae8 18. ♙df1 ♙e7 19. ♖f2 ♖c7 20. ♖h4 ½-½ Kasparov, G-Karpov, A/Wch34-KK4 Sevilla 1987] 5. ... ♘gf6 6. ♘xf6+ ♘xf6 7. c3 ♖c7 8. h3 Covers g4 8. ... ♙f5 9. ♘f3 e6 Prevents intrusion on d5 10. 0-0 ♙d6 11. ♙e1 h6 Controls g5 12. ♖e2 0-0-0 13. a4 g5 14. ♘e5 ♘d5 15. a5 f6 16. ♘d3 h5 17. ♙d2 a6 Consolidates b5 18. ♙b3 ♙b8 19. c4 ♘f4 20. ♘xf4 Now all is on e6 20. ... ♙xf4

[20. ... gxf4 21. c5 ♙f8 22. ♙xe6 ♙xe6 23. ♖xe6 ♙xc5 24. dxc5 ♙xd2 25. ♖xf6±] 21. ♙c3 g4 22. h4 g3= [22. ... ♙h2+!? must be considered 23. ♖f1 g3±] 23. f3 Secures e4+g4 23. ... ♙he8 (diagram) 24. ♙c2± [24. ♙ad1!?± should be investigated more closely]



Position after 23. ... ♙he8

24. ... ♙xc2 25. ♖xc2 f5 With the idea ♖e7 26. ♙ad1 [26. ♙d2!? ♖d6 27. d5 ♖c5+ 28. ♖h1 ♙xd2 29. ♖xd2 ♖xc4 30. ♖g5] 26. ... ♖e7 27. ♙d2 ♙xd2 28. ♖xd2 ♖xh4 29. ♖e3 f4! leaving no more doubts. Threatening mate: fxe3 30. ♖e5+ ♙a8 31. ♙d2 ♖h2+ 32. ♖f1 ♖h1+ 33. ♖e2 ♖xg2+ 34. ♖d1 ♖xf3+ 35. ♖c2 h4 [35. ... h4 36. ♙d3 ♖g4+] 0-1.

W: Anand, V (2765) - **B: Adams, M** (2680) [D41]
FIDE WCh KO Groningen NED (7.9), 12/30/1997

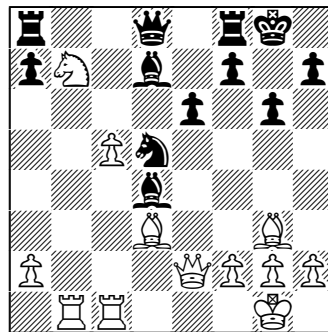
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1. e4 c6 Secures b5 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. c4
 ♖f6 5. ♘c3 e6 6. ♖f3 ♙e7 7. cxd5 ♘xd5 8.
 ♙c4 ♘xc3 9. bxc3 Consolidates b4 9. ... 0-0 10.
 0-0 ♘d7 11. ♙d3 ♖c7 12. ♖e2 ♙e8 13. c4 g6
 Prevents intrusion on f5 14. c5 White wins space
 14. ... ♖f6 15. ♖e5 ♙d7 16. ♙f4 ♖c8 17. ♙ab1
 ♘d5 The knight likes it on d5 18. ♙g3 [Instead of
 18. ♘xd7 ♘xf4 (18. ... ♖xd7?! 19. ♙d2=) 19. ♖f3
 ♘xd3 (19. ... ♖xd7 20. ♖xf4 ♙ed8 21. ♙e4 ♖xd4
 22. ♙xb7 ♖xc5 23. ♙c7=) 20. ♙xb7 ♖f4]

18. ... ♙f8 19. ♙fc1
 ♙f6 20. ♖c4 ♙xd4 21.
 ♖d6 ♖d8 22. ♖xb7
 (diagram)The passed
 pawn on c5 will quickly
 become a dangerous
 weapon [22. ♙xb7?! ♙c6
 23. ♙b3 ♖g5=] 22. ...
 ♖f6 23. c6 ♙c8 24.
 ♙b3 e5 25. ♙e4 ♙e6



Position after 22. ♖xb7

26. ♙f3= [26. ♖d2!?±] 26. ... ♖g5 27. ♖e1 ♖e7±
 [⊃ 27. ... f5!? is a viable option 28. h4 ♖g4=] 28.
 ♖a5 ♙b6 29. ♖a3 ♖xa3 Threatening mate: ♖xc1
 30. ♙xa3 f6 Controls e5 31. ♖c5 ♙xc5 32. ♙xc5
 ♖c7 33. f3 a6 34. h4 ♙ad8 35. ♙c1 ♙d2 36.
 ♙e1 ♙xa2 37. ♙xa2 ♙xa2 38. ♙a5 ♙f7 39.
 ♙d1 ♖b5 40. ♙c1 ♖c7 41. ♙d1 ♖b5 42. ♙d8+
 ♖g7 43. ♙a8 ♙c4 44. ♙b8= [⊃ 44. c7!? and
 White has air to breath 44. ... ♖xc7 45. ♙c8±] 44. ...
 f5 45. ♙c2 ♙d5 46. ♙b6 ♖d6± [⊃ 46. ... ♖d4
 and Black is still in the game 47. ♙a4 ♙a7=] 47. c7
 ♖c8 48. ♙b8! White has managed to stay ahead
 [48. ♙xa6?! ♙e7 49. ♙c3 ♖f7=] 48. ... ♙f8 49.
 ♙a4± [⊃ 49. ♙d3!?±] 49. ... ♙e6± [49. ... ♖f7!?±

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should be examined more closely] **50. ♖c3 ♜f6**
51. f4 ♜f7 52. ♙xe5 ♜e7 53. ♞d8 ♜c8 54. ♜f2
♜e7 55. ♙c6 a5 [55. ... ♞xd8?? Black will choke on
 that pawn 56. ♙f6+!! a sacrifice that decides the
 game 56. ... ♜d6 57. cxd8

♜+ ♜xc6 58. ♙e5+-] **56.**

♙b7 ♜f7 (diagram)

[56. ... ♞xd8?? taking the
 pawn will cause Black
 grave problems 57.

♙f6+!! a powerful sacri-
 fice which decides the
 game 57. ... ♜xf6 58.

cx d8♜+ ♜e7 59. ♙c6+-]

57. ♙c6??= letting the
 wind out of his own sails

[△ 57. ♙c3+- and the scales tip in favour of White]

57. ... ♜e7 58. ♙c3 ♜f7 [58. ... ♞xd8?? the pawn

of course cannot be captured 59. ♙f6+!! a decisive

sacrifice (59. cxd8♞?! ♞xd8 60. ♙xa5+ ♜e7±) 59. ...

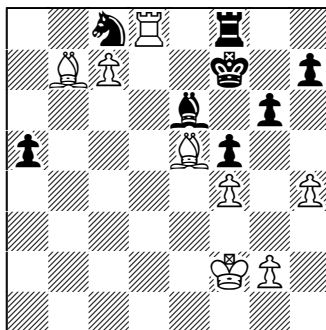
♜d6 60. cxd8♜+ ♜xc6 61. ♙e5+-] **59. ♙xa5 ♞g8**

60. ♙b4 ♜a7 61. ♙a4 ♜c8 62. ♙c5 h6 63. ♙b5

g5 [63. ... ♜g7 doesn't improve anything 64. ♜e3 ♜

f6 65. ♙a6+-] **64. fxf5 hxf5 65. h5** [65. h5 ♜g7 66.

♙d3+-] **1-0.**



Position after 56. ♜f7

W: Karpov,A (2745) - **B: Anand,V** (2765) [D48]

FIDE WCh KO Lausanne SUI (1), 1/2/1998

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1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. ♜c3 ♜f6 4. e3 e6 5. ♜f3

♜bd7 6. ♙d3 dxc4 7. ♙xc4 b5 8. ♙d3 ♙b7

[8. ... a6 9. 0-0 c5 10. a4 b4 11. ♜e4 ♙b7 12. ♜ed2

♙e7 13. a5 0-0 14. ♜c4 ♜c7 15. ♜e2 ♜g4 16. e4

cx d4 17. h3 ♜ge5 18. ♜fxe5 ♜xe5 19. ♙f4 ♙d6 20.

♙xe5 ♙xe5 21. ♜b6 ♞a7 22. ♞ac1 ♜d6 23. ♞c4 f5

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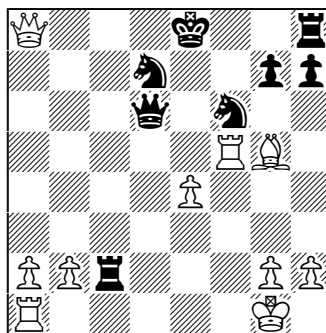
24. exf5 exf5 25. ♖e1 ♗g6 26. f3 ♖e8 27. f4 ♗g3 28. fxe5 ♗xe5 29. ♖c8+ ♜f7 30. ♗h5+ g6 31. ♗xh7+ ♜f6 32. ♖f8+ ♜g5 33. h4+ ♜f4 34. ♗h6+ g5 35. ♖xf5+ ♖xf5 36. ♗d6+ ♜g4 37. ♖xf5+ 1-0 Alekhine, A-Bogoljubow, E/Wch15-GER (Baden-Baden) 1934] **9. 0-0 a6 10. e4 c5 11. d5** White wins space **11. ... ♗c7** Black intends c4 **12. dxe6 fxe6** Controls d5. **13. ♖c2 c4** Black gains space **14. ♗e2 ♖d6 15. ♖d4 ♖c5** The black knight will create threats. Can e4 get defended? [15. ... ♖xh2+ 16. ♗h1 ♖c5 17. f4=] **16. f4 e5 17. ♖dxb5** [♟17. ♖f5!?± should not be overlooked] **17. ... axb5 18. ♖xb5 ♗b6 19. ♖xd6+ ♗xd6 20. fxe5**

♗xe5 The pressure on the isolated pawn grows

21. ♖f5 ♗e7 22. ♗xc4 White traps the enemy king in the center. **22. ... ♖c8=** [22. ... ♖xc4!? is an interesting alternative 23.

♗b5+ ♜f8] **23. ♗b5+ ♖cd7 24. ♗xb7 ♖xc2**

25. ♖g5 ♗d6± [25. ... ♗xe4 26. ♗xe4+ ♖xe4±]



Position after 26. ♗a8+

26. ♗a8+ (diagram) ♜f7??+- [♟26. ... ♗b8 this is the best bet to save the position 27. ♗xb8+ ♖xb8 28. ♖xf6 gxf6=] **27. ♗xh8 ♗d4+ 28. ♗h1 ♗xe4** Threatening mate: ♗xg2. **29. ♖f3 ♖xg2** The mate threat is ♗xf3 **30. ♗xg2 ♖e5 31. ♗xg7+!** it's all over. [31. ♖xf6 ♗xf3+ 32. ♜g1 ♗e3+ 33. ♜f1 ♗f3+ 34. ♜e1 ♗e4+ 35. ♜d2 ♗d3+ 36. ♜c1 gxf6] **31. ... ♗xg7 32. ♖xf6+ ♜g6** Do you see the mate threat? **33. ♖xe5 ♗xe5 34. ♖g1 h5** [34. ... ♗h5 35. ♖h3+ ♜g4 36. ♖g3+ ♗h4 37. ♜f3+-] **35. b3 ♗e2+ 36. ♖f2** Threatening mate... how? **36. ... ♗e4+ 37. ♜f1+** [♟37. ♗h3+ might be the shorter path 37. ... ♗h6 38.

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♖f6+ ♕h7+] 37. ... ♕h6

38. ♖g3 ♖b1+ 39. ♕g2

♗e4+ 40. ♖gf3 ♗g6+

41. ♕f1 With the deci-

sive threat ♖f6 41. ...

♖b1+ (diagram) 42. ♕

g2??= hands over the

advantage to the oppo-

nent [△42. ♗e2 would

have given White a clear

advantage 42. ... ♗xa2+

43. ♗f1 ♖b1+ 44. ♗g2 ♗g6+

45. ♕h1+] 42. ...

♗g6+ 43. ♕h1 White threatens strongly ♖f6 43. ...

♖b1+ 44. ♖f1 Threatening mate: ♖xb1 44. ...

♗xa2 45. ♖f6+ ♕g7 46. ♖f7+ ♕h8 47. ♖f8+

[△47. ♖b7!? seems even better 47. ... ♗g8 48. ♖c1

♗a8+] 47. ... ♕g7 48.

♖f7+??= gives the op-

ponent new chances

[△48. ♖1f3+- White

would have gained the

upper hand] 48. ... ♕

g8??+- (diagram) not a

good decision, because

now the opponent is

right back in the game

[48. ... ♕h8 49. ♖b7 ♕

g8+] 49. ♖7f3 ♕g7 50.

h3 ♗c2 51. ♖1f2 The mate threat is ♖xc2. White

gets kings attack 51. ... ♗e4 52. ♕g2 ♖b4 53.

♖e2 ♗d4 54. ♖e7+ ♕g6 55. ♖e6+ ♕g7 56.

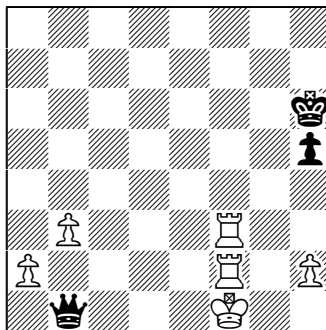
♖g3+ ♕f7 57. ♖ge3 ♗d5+ 58. ♕g3 ♗g5+ 59. ♕

f2 ♖h4+ 60. ♗e2 ♗d4 61. ♖6e4 Threatening

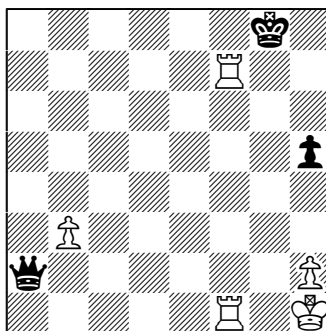
mate... how? 61. ... ♗a1 62. ♕d3 ♕f6 63. ♖e6+

♕f5 64. b4 ♗c1 [64. ... ♗a3+ 65. ♗c4 ♗a2+ 66. ♗

c5 ♗a7+ 67. ♗b5 ♖b7+ 68. ♗c4 ♗c8+ 69. ♗b3+-]



Position after 41. ... ♖b1+



Position after 48. ... ♕g8?

h3 ♗c2 51. ♖1f2 The mate threat is ♖xc2. White gets kings attack 51. ... ♗e4 52. ♕g2 ♖b4 53. ♖e2 ♗d4 54. ♖e7+ ♕g6 55. ♖e6+ ♕g7 56. ♖g3+ ♕f7 57. ♖ge3 ♗d5+ 58. ♕g3 ♗g5+ 59. ♕f2 ♖h4+ 60. ♗e2 ♗d4 61. ♖6e4 Threatening mate... how? 61. ... ♗a1 62. ♕d3 ♕f6 63. ♖e6+ ♕f5 64. b4 ♗c1 [64. ... ♗a3+ 65. ♗c4 ♗a2+ 66. ♗c5 ♗a7+ 67. ♗b5 ♖b7+ 68. ♗c4 ♗c8+ 69. ♗b3+-]

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65. ♖d4 ♜c8 66. b5 ♜d8+ 67. ♜c5 ♜c7+ 68. ♜b4 ♜f4+ 69. ♜b3 ♜c7 70. b6 Do you see the mate threat? 70. ... ♜d7 71. ♜3e5+ ♜f4 72. ♜e4+ ♜g3 73. ♜e3+ ♜h2 74. ♜c4 h4 75. ♜c5 ♜c8+ 76. ♜d5 ♜d8+ 77. ♜e4 ♜d7 78. ♜f5 ♜g2 79. ♜g5 ♜g7+ [79. ... ♜d8+ is not much help 80. ♜g4 ♜d4+ 81. ♜3e4 ♜g7+ 82. ♜f4 ♜f8+ 83. ♜g5 ♜d8+ 84. ♜g4 ♜g8+ 85. ♜xh4 ♜d8+ 86. ♜g4 ♜g8+ 87. ♜f5 ♜h7+ 88. ♜g5 ♜g8+ 89. ♜g6 ♜d5+ 90. ♜h4+ ♜f3 91. ♜ge6+-] 80. ♜xh4 The passed pawn on h3 quickly leads to threats 80. ... ♜f2 81. ♜3e5 Do you see the mate threat? 81. ... ♜h8+ [81. ... ♜g3+ cannot undo what has already been done 82. ♜h5 ♜xh3+ 83. ♜g5 ♜g3+ 84. ♜f6 ♜h4+ 85. ♜g7+-] 82. ♜g4 Threatening mate: ♜e2 82. ... ♜g7+ 83. ♜f5 ♜h7+ 84. ♜f6 ♜h4+ 85. ♜f7 [85. ♜g6!? makes it even easier for White 85. ... ♜d8+-] 85. ... ♜h7+ 86. ♜e8 ♜b7 [86. ... ♜g3 cannot change destiny 87. ♜e3+ ♜h4 88. ♜6e4+ ♜g5 89. ♜e5+ ♜f6 90. ♜e6+ ♜g5 91. ♜d8+-] 87. h4 ♜b8+ 88. ♜f7 ♜b7+ 89. ♜g6 ♜b8 90. h5 ♜g8+ 91. ♜f5 ♜h7+ 92. ♜f6 ♜f3 93. ♜e3+ ♜f2 94. ♜e2+ [94. ♜g5!? keeps an even firmer grip 94. ... ♜g8+ 95. ♜h4 ♜d8+ 96. ♜h3 ♜g5+-] 94. ... ♜f3 95. ♜2e3+= [△95. ♜2e5+- it becomes clear that White will call all the shots] 95. ... ♜f2 96. ♜g5 ♜g8+ 97. ♜h4 White gets decisive kings attack 97. ... ♜d8+ 98. ♜h3 ♜d1 [98. ... ♜g5 desperation 99. ♜6e5 ♜g8+-] 99. ♜e2+ ♜f3 100. ♜h2 [100. ♜e1 ♜xe1 101. ♜xe1 ♜f2 102. ♜e8 ♜f3 103. b7 ♜f2 104. b8♜ ♜f1 105. ♜f4+ ♜g1 106. ♜e1#] 100. ... ♜d8 101. ♜6e3+ ♜f4 [101. ... ♜g4 hardly improves anything 102. ♜g3+! an ugly check 102. ... ♜f5 103. ♜f2+ ♜e4 104. b7+-] 102. b7 ♜b6 103. ♜e4+ ♜f3 104. ♜2e3+ ♜f2 105. ♜e7 Threatening mate... how?

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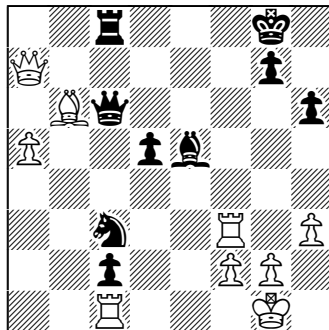
105. ... ♖d6+ [105. ... ♖b1+- the last chance for counterplay] **106.** ♕h3 ♖b8 **107.** ♜3e5 The mate threat is ♜f7 **107.** ... ♕g1 [107. ... ♖f8 does not save the day 108. ♜e2+! an unpleasant check 108. ... ♖f1 109. ♜e1+ ♖f2 110. ♜7e2+ ♖f3 111. ♜f1+ ♖xe2 112. ♜xf8 ♖d3 113. b8♖ ♖e3 114. ♖e5+ ♖d3 115. ♜d8+ ♖c4 116. ♖c7+ ♖b5 117. ♜b8+ ♖a4 118. ♖a7#] **108.** ♜g7+ [108. ♜g7+ ♖f2 109. ♜f7+ ♖g1 110. ♜e1#] **1-0.**

W: Anand,V (2765) - **B: Karpov,A** (2745) [C60]

FIDE WCh KO Lausanne SUI (2), 1/3/1998

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1. e4 e5 **2.** ♖f3 ♖c6 **3.** ♜b5 a6 **4.** ♜a4 ♖f6 **5.** **0-0** ♜c5 **6.** c3 Consolidates b4 **6.** ... **b5** **7.** ♜b3 d6 **8.** a4 ♜g4 [8. ... ♖xe4? doesn't lead to anything significant 9. ♜d5 ♜b7 10. ♜xe4+-] **9.** d3 Secures e4 **9.** ... **0-0** **10.** h3 ♜xf3 **11.** ♖xf3 [Not 11. gxf3 ♖d7 12. ♖h2 b4=] **11.** ... ♖a5 **12.** ♜c2 b4 **13.** ♖d2 ♜b8 **14.** ♖e2 ♜e8 **15.** ♖f3 bxc3 **16.** bxc3 Prevents intrusion on b4+d4. **16.** ... ♖b3 **17.** ♜xb3 ♜xb3 **18.** d4 exd4 **19.** cxd4 ♜xf3 **20.** ♖xf3 [20. dxc5!? should be examined more closely 20. ... ♜c3 21. f3=] **20.** ... ♜xd4 **21.** ♜a2 ♖xe4 **22.** ♖d3 c5 **23.** ♖xa6 d5 **24.** a5 c4 Black wins space **25.** ♜e3 Manoeuvre Bc1-e3-b6-d4. White gets strong initiative **25.** ... ♜e5 **26.** ♜b6 ♖d7 **27.** ♖a7 ♖c6 **28.** ♜d4 A comfortable square for the white bishop **28.** ... ♜c7 **29.** ♜b2 c3 He broke



Position after 34. ...h6??

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from his leash **30. ♖b7 ♖c8 31. ♙b6** The white bishop is well posted. **31. ... ♙e5 32. ♖xf7 c2 33. ♖c1 ♖c3 34. ♖f3+-** [34. ♖f5 ♖e2+ 35. ♖f1≡] **34. ... h6??+-** makes life more difficult [34. ... ♖e2+ 35. ♖f1 ♖e8+ (35. ... ♖xc1?? going for material but overlooking... 36. ♖f7+ ♖h8 37. ♖f8+ ♖xf8 38. ♖xf8#)] **35. ♖f7+ ♖h8 36. ♖e3!** an unpleasant surprise [36. ♖xc2?? the pawn contains a lethal dose of poison 36. ... ♖e2+! a mean check 37. ♖f1 ♖xc2 38. ♖xd5 ♖d4+)] **36. ... d4??** the final mistake, not that it matters anymore [36. ... ♖e4 37. ♖e2 ♖b5+)] **37. ♖xe5 d3 38. ♙d4** The mate threat is ♖e8 **38. ... ♖g8 39. ♖e6** White threatens strongly ♖xg7 **39. ... d2 40. ♖xc6** Threatening mate: ♖xh6 **40. ... dxc1♖+** **41. ♖h2** Do you see the mate threat? **41. ... ♖d2** [41. ... ♖g5 praying for a miracle 42. f4 ♖g3+ 43. ♖xg3 ♖e2+ 44. ♖f2 ♖xd4+)] **42. ♖c8** [42. ♖c8 ♖f4+ 43. ♖xf4 c1♖ 44. ♖xg7+ ♖xg7 45. ♖c7+ ♖g6 46. ♖c6+ ♖g7 47. ♖f6+ ♖h7 48. ♖c7+ ♖g7 49. ♖xg7#; 42. ♖xc3?! is a weaker possibility 42. ... ♖xc3 43. ♖xc3 c1♖±] **1-0.**

W: Anand,V (2765) - B: Karpov,A (2745) [D42]

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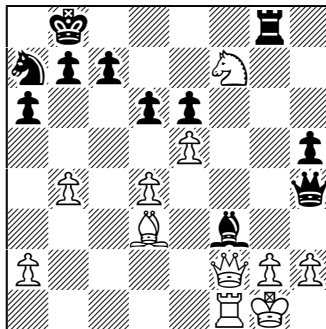
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1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♙g5 e6 3. e4 h6 4. ♙xf6 ♖xf6 5. ♖c3 d6 6. ♖d2 g5 7. ♙c4 ♖c6 8. ♖ge2 ♙g7 Increases the pressure on d4 **9. ♖d1 ♙d7 10. 0-0 0-0 11. ♖b5 a6 12. ♖a3 g4 13. f4 gxf3 14. ♖xf3 ♖e7 15. c3** Covers b4 **15. ... h5 16. ♖df1** Attacking the backward pawn on f7 **16. ... ♖df8 17. b4 ♖a7 18. ♖c2 ♙h6 19. ♖e1 ♖b8 20. ♙d3 ♙c6 21. ♖f4 ♖fg8 22. d5** White wins space **22. ... ♙e8 23. ♖f2 ♙g7 24. ♖d4 ♙d7 25. dxe6 ♙xd4**

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[25. ... fxe6? doesn't work 26. ♖g6 ♖e8 27. ♜xh8 ♜xh8 28. ♜f8 ♜xf8 29. ♜xf8+-] 26. **cx d4** [Worse is 26. ♜xd4 ♜c6 27. ♜e3 fxe6=] 26. ... **fxe6** Prevents intrusion on d5 27. **e5** White gains space. White creates threats along the open f-file 27. ... ♜c6 28. ♜g6 ♜d8 29. ♜xh8 ♜xf3 30. ♜f7 [30. ♜xf3?! ♜xh8 31. ♜f6 dxe5 32. dxe5 h4=] 30. ... ♜h4



Position after 30. ... ♜h4

(diagram) 31. ♜xf3! a devastating blow [31. ♜xh4?! ♜xg2+ 32. ♜h1 ♜f2+ 33. ♜g1 ♜g2+ 34. ♜h1 ♜f2+ 35. ♜g1 ♜g2+=] 31. ... ♜xd4+ 32. ♜h1 d5 33. ♜d1 ♜xb4 34. ♜b1 ♜a4 35. ♜xh5 ♜c6 36. ♜e2 ♜a7 37. ♜f2+ b6 38. ♜c1 ♜b7 [38. ... ♜f8 39. ♜f6 ♜xe5 40. ♜xe5 (40. ♜xc7+?! ♜b8 41. ♜f1 ♜d1+-) 40. ... ♜xf7 41. ♜xc7+ ♜xc7 42. ♜xc7+ ♜a8 43. ♜c8+ ♜a7 44. ♜c2+-] 39. **h3** [Δ 39. ♜d6+!? keeps an even firmer grip 39. ... ♜a8 40. ♜b5 axb5 41. ♜xc6 ♜b7 42. ♜xe6 ♜d1+ 43. ♜f1 ♜xf1+ 44. ♜xf1 c6+-] 39. ... ♜c8 40. ♜f6 ♜d4 41. ♜d8+ ♜b8 42. ♜xe6 [42. ♜xe6 ♜xe6 43. ♜xe6+-] 1-0.

W: Karpov,A (2745) - **B: Anand,V** (2765) [D46]
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1. ♜f3 d5 2. g3 ♜f6 3. ♜g2 c6 [3. ... ♜f5 4. 0-0 ♜bd7 5. d3 c6 6. ♜bd2 h6 7. e4 dxe4 8. dxe4 ♜xe4 9. ♜d4 ♜xd2 10. ♜xd2 ♜h7 11. ♜c3 ♜c7 12. ♜f3 e5 13. ♜fe1 Smyslov,V-Euwe,M/SWZ ct 1953/1-0 (68)]
4. 0-0 ♜g4 5. d3 Consolidates e4 5. ... ♜bd7 6.

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♖bd2 e6 7. e4 ♙e7 8. ♗e2 0-0 9. h3 ♙h5 10. ♗e1 dxe4 11. dxe4 e5 12. b3 ♗c7 13. ♙b2 ♗fe8 14. ♗f1 ♗ad8 15. a3 Prevents intrusion on b4 15. ... b5 16. ♙c3 ♙f8 17. ♖h4 ♖c5 18. ♙f3 ♙g6 19. ♖xg6 hxg6 Secures h5 20. ♙g2 a6 21. ♗e2 ♖e6 22. ♖f3 ♖d7 23. a4 b4 24. ♙b2 a5 25. c3 Controls d4 25. ... bxc3 He broke from his leash 26. ♙xc3 ♗b8 27. ♗ab1 ♙b4 28. ♗ec1 ♙xc3 29. ♗xc3 c5 30. ♗e3 ♗d6 31. h4 ♖d4 A classical outpost 32. ♙h3 ♖b6 33. ♗bc1 c4 34. bxc4 ♖xa4 35. c5 ♗e7 36. ♗a3 ♖xc5 37. ♗ac3 [37. ♗xa5? is inferior since it leads to 37. ... ♖cb3 38. ♖xd4 exd4+ (38. ... ♖xa5?! 39. ♖e2+; 38. ... ♖xd4?! 39. ♙f1=; 38. ... ♖xc1? would be great except for 39. ♖c6 ♖e2+ 40. ♗xe2 ♗b1+ 41. ♗g2+-)] 37. ... ♖cb3 38. ♗c7 ♗f6 39. ♗1c3 ♖xf3+ 40. ♗xf3 a4= [40. ... ♗xf3!? 41. ♗xf3 f6] 41. ♗xf6 Threatening mate: ♗xf7 41. ... gxf6 42. ♙d7 ♖d4 43. ♙xe8 ♖e2+ 44. ♗g2 ♖xc3 45. ♙xf7+! securing the advantage in this game 45. ... ♗f8 46. ♙xg6! The passed pawn on h4 will become decisive later. White is still ahead 46. ... ♖b5 47. ♗f7+ ♗g8 48. ♗xf6 The passed pawn on g3 will quickly become a dangerous weapon 48. ... ♗a8 49. h5= [△49. f4!?±] 49. ... a3 50. h6 a2 51. ♙f7+ ♗h7 52. ♙xa2 ♗xa2 53. g4 ♖c3 54. g5 ♖xe4?+- [△54. ... ♖e2±] 55. ♗f7+ ♗g6 [55. ... ♗g8 56. g6 ♗a8+-] 56. ♗g7+ ♗f5 57. h7! a devastating blow 57. ... ♗xf2+ 58. ♗g1 ♗g4 59. h8♗ ♗g3 60. ♗e7 [△60. ♗d7 and the rest is a matter of tech-

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other bishop into battle. 18. ♖g1 ♙b7+ 19. ♖df3 ♗xa2 20. ♙e3 ♗e8 Bringing the last piece into battle and threatening Rxe3. Black's position is dominating. 21. ♗h3 ♙c8+ 22. g4 ♗e4 Here White resigned since there is no defense to Rxg4 and the resulting "discovered" destruction. 0-1.

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it, however, it will be extremely difficult for me to secure a site in the upstate area. As a result, it would have to be held in the Sumter County area. Please understand, the SC Open will be revived this year, not having it is simply not an option.

We will have a new tournament in the Rock Hill area if all goes as planned. As for creating more tournaments, we need more directors. If you are a tournament director or would like to become one, let me know and I'll show what is required. In this way we can form a state pool of directors so that we can have more tournaments and so our existing directors will have opportunities to play in tournaments without any distractions as well.

The next time you see any of our state officers please take a moment and thank them for what they do. Henry White, Pat Hart, and Bill Willard put a lot of effort and time into the little things that most of us never see to

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that's not a typo, only twenty four (24) participants. It was the worst support in at least fifteen years and produced a \$200 loss.

Other than the State Championship, our Snowstorm Special (February) and Charleston Classic (August) are the longest annual events in South Carolina, often the strongest and usually with the largest prize funds. It is a catch-22 situation for us as these two tournaments give our club its main chance to make any money and thus afford our continued sponsorship. There seems to be only a few other smaller tourneys around the state each year as well, and I hope all of you will seriously consider what effect your actions are having, both on the particular events and on the sponsoring chess clubs.

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Interviewer: Yes, I've seen that often.

Deep Blue: Well, you've got to be ready to reject their advice and go with something that may be statistically less advantageous but still winning, and which definitely doesn't lead to a repetition of position. See what I mean?

Interviewer: I think so, now.

Deep Blue: As a rule of thumb, in those situations I'm ready to consider anything over +1.500000.

Interviewer: You'd go as low as that! But what if your strategy demanded dipping below 1.5 for a move?

Deep Blue: You've put your finger on a real problem. There's nothing so embarrassing for your sponsors as seeing you repeat a position despite having an extra Queen and command of the board, just because you can't calculate a numerical increase in advantage within twelve ply, or whatever. But dumping the lady for a slight endgame pull isn't going to fill them with joy either.

Interviewer: Our time is almost up. Do you have any final advice for our aspirant youngsters?

Deep Blue: Yes, yes, yes. The most important thing of all! Always think before you move. Our friend Mikhail Botvinnik said it to Garry Kasparov and now the conqueror of Kasparov is saying it to your readers. Even if it's the simplest, most obvious of recaptures you're looking at, take your time. Make sure that you've examined at least 200,000,000 positions before your hand reaches for the board, or whatever.

Interviewer: Thank you, Deep Blue.

Deep Blue: My pleasure.

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